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Giant slalom, telemark style



Telemark skiers from all over New England came to Mt. Abram Saturday for the Maine Telemark Festival. The event featured lessons, prizes, demo gear and a race through gates. Here, a racer makes his way down the course. Top finishers were Jason Myler for the men and Lauren Head for the women. About 40 racers took part. *Davin Currie*

SAD 44 has spent \$75,000 on Andover withdrawal advice

By Alison Aloisio

Since Andover launched its first, formal school withdrawal effort in September 2012, SAD 44 has spent approximately \$75,000 for legal advice, according to Supt. Dave Murphy.

Murphy said last week the district had to do a large amount of preliminary work as Andover got started, in preparation for the negotiation of a proposed withdrawal agreement between the district and Andover.

When a town undertakes the withdrawal process, its school district is required by law to negotiate an agreement for the town's residents to vote on.

After formal negotiations

got underway between SAD 44 and Andover, they bogged down as the two parties reached a sticking point over whether Andover would have a choice on where to tuition its older students.

That was finally resolved in the fall of 2013, but SAD 44 had racked up a large legal tab for the advice of Attorney Bill Stockmeyer of Drummond Woodsum.

Murphy said if Andover votes in March to restart the withdrawal process, he does not anticipate the process to be as involved, since the basic withdrawal agreement is still available to use. But, he added, there is no guarantee one party or the other wouldn't want to make changes.

Andover drops AES transfer/lease from ballot

By Alison Aloisio

Andover selectmen voted 2-1 Tuesday to remove a question from the March 18 ballot on approving an agreement with SAD 44 that would give the Andover Elementary School to the town.

A draft proposal from SAD 44, presented last week, would have also provided for leasing the school back to the district to operate (for a term of not more than three years, as written by selectmen for the ballot).

Selectboard Chair Su-

san Merrow said she was concerned that the time frame to finalize an agreement was too short and there was not enough opportunity to consult with legal counsel. She said the agreement would need to be ready 45 days before the vote, to allow town staff to prepare the information for absentee ballots, which are available 30 days before a vote.

About 75 people turned out for Tuesday's meeting. Before the board determined that the absentee

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BWD plans radio-controlled meters

By Alison Aloisio

The Bethel Water District hopes to soon begin installing "radio-read" meters at customers' houses, making meter-reading more efficient.

"It's good for ratepayers and it's good for the staff," said Superintendent Luc-

ien Roberge last week.

The Water District serves about 600 customers.

The new technology will allow the BWD to read meters remotely. "We hope we can capture a lot more information in a short period of time," he said. "It's very cutting edge. We can stop hounding people to get into

their houses."

Currently the staff must enter some houses to read meters or trudge through winter snow to get readings from outside meters.

The staff will be able to read the new meters from the street.

The Water District reads them quarterly, or when

someone sells their house, said Roberge.

He said the change is not only for efficiency. Because the federal government now bans lead from water meters, the current style ones are no longer available.

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Crafting a new life "Away Up North"

By Amy Chapman

When Down East magazine selected Maine products for their 2013 holiday gift guide, they chose to include Glenna Oliver's handmade wool Christmas stockings and decorative pillows, and featured both on the cover of the December issue.

Glenna, who creates her

unique gift items in a cozy workspace in her Bethel home, was contacted by the magazine in late September and asked to submit five items from which the editorial staff could choose.

She had recently received Maine Made certification, joining more than 2000 Maine companies who offer everything from gourmet foods to furniture. The

certification allows her to use the easily-identifiable "Maine Made" tags and labels, and to have her products included on the Maine Made website and in kiosk displays.

"I found out in late October that my products would be in Down East, but I didn't know they would be on the cover," she says. The magazine chose three

of the five items she sent and provided links to Glenna's shop, called "Away Up North," on Etsy, the on-line marketplace where she sells her products.

That exposure helped to boost her already strong seasonal sales, and kept Glenna at her sewing machine far into the night in

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A DELICIOUS LUNAR LESSON

Teacher Marie Keane's fifth-graders at the Crescent Park Elementary School have been doing a hands-on study of the moon by using Oreo cookies to represent the various phases. After the lesson was completed the kids moved to the mouths-on phase, anticipated here by Eric Chapman and Mason Thompson. More moon and school photos, page 9.

Marie Keane

By Alison Aloisio

Is it an eyesore, or another form of recycling?

By state law, Doug and Bertha Grover's property on Rowe Hill Road in Greenwood is an unlicensed junkyard and auto graveyard. Despite repeated letters and other enforcement actions by the town over the last two years, the couple has not removed enough material to come into compliance.

So they recently received notice of a \$10,000 fine, and a bill for approximately \$7,500 for Greenwood's legal fees and other costs in the matter - both due within 30 days.

"There's no way we can

come up with that," Bertha said last week.

If they don't pay, the town will place a lien on the property. Greenwood was also recently authorized by the Oxford County Superior Court to take over the cleanup and bill the Grovers.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said last week the town will wait until spring to give the Grovers more opportunity to remove material.

Greenwood began enforcement measures against the Grovers because of complaints from neighbors. Last July the couple had been given a deadline of

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Letters

CANDIDATE FOR NEWRY SELECTMAN

To The Editor,

I am announcing my candidacy for Newry selectman. The annual Town Meeting is Monday, March 3, 7 p.m. at the Bear River Grange Hall. You must be present at that meeting to vote for Selectman.

I am a fourth-generation Newry resident who has served as selectman for 19 years, and as chairman for the past two years. My primary interest in reelection to the Board is to continue making sure the town is fiscally responsible to the taxpayers; develops plans to maintain its infrastructure and finds a balance between the wants and needs of its citizens.

It is promising to see that there is at least one other candidate for a seat on the board. However, I believe I bring the experience and leadership skills necessary to help the town decide what is important to us, how we're going to achieve those goals and protect our interests.

Please come to Town Meeting on March 3 and consider supporting my bid for reelection.

Wendy Hanscom
Newry

CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE

To the Editor:

I, Frances (Fran) M. Head, am announcing my candidacy for the Maine House of Representatives District 117. The people of Maine are a serious concern to me, hard-working people that want jobs, quality education for students along with some relief from the raising financial burden placed on them.

I live in Bethel with my husband David Head. In past years I served on the SAD 44 School Board (7.5 years), selectperson for the town of Gilead, Comprehensive Plan Review/update in Gilead, Oxford County Budget Committee, am now a member of Bethel Area Business Association, president of the Bethel Senior Citizens Group, on the SeniorsPlus advisory board, a director of the Oxford County Soil and Water District, Bethel Comprehensive Plan review, have recently been appointed to the Bethel Budget Committee, member of West Bethel Union Church serving as a deaconess, have owned and operated a real estate and rental office in Bethel for the past 12 years. I am a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. My intentions are to continue to be involved in serving people.

The decision to seek the position of Maine House of Representative District 117 is to represent District 117 people by listening to their views, try to bring their concerns and ideas to this position. My plan is to do the best job possible to help our district and state become one we can be proud to call home and live productive lives right here in the beautiful State of Maine.

Frances M. Head
Bethel

COME TALK BIKE ROUTES

To the Editor:

On Feb. 13, 2014, the Bike Coalition of Maine in collaboration with Healthy Oxford Hills and Mahoosuc Pathways will host a participatory mapping event at 6 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River in the new Camp restaurant. The event is free, open to the public and part of the Oxford County Moves campaign, which seeks to get more people walking and biking by making those activities easier and safer. To aid that, there will be large-format maps of the area streets and roads at the event where you are invited to add your voice to help improve things for cyclists and pedestrians by developing a plan for where wayfinding and bike awareness signage is needed, as well as what routes need improvement.

At the event there will be discussion about why this effort is going on, and what sorts of road conditions are needed to get more cyclists and pedestrians out there on the roads and streets. The large-format maps are there so that participants can work in groups through the series of maps that show different quadrants of Oxford County, marking up where they're riding, common destinations in the quadrant, where conditions are especially dangerous, and what routes could be walked and ridden if key sections of road were improved.

The goals and outputs of this session are to create two maps – one for public use that shows recommended bike and pedestrian routes (established by pairing commonly ridden routes with metrics that give us a picture of how safe those routes are) and one for planning use that can be used in approaching DOT with an appeal for on-road improvements that will help cycling and walking in the area. Please contact Gabe Perkins at info@mahoosucpathways.org for more information.

Gabe Perkins
Bethel

CORRECTION

NAMED MISSPELLED-A letter in last week's Citizen about Bethel roads was written by Grace Gibson.

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MOLLY OCKETT DAY: NOT INTENDED TO EMBARRASS

To the Editor:

I have been trying to stay out of Bethel affairs since I don't live there anymore, but every time I hear Arla Patch talk about how embarrassing Molly Ockett Day is, I think of people long since gone who are not here to defend the use of the name. Since I am 81, I may be one of those, or the only one, who remembers what started the whole thing.

I was visiting my aunt when someone, and, yes, I know who, but there again she has been gone many years now so I am not saying, came to the house and said that there was a family in need of medical funds because of a long term injury. She wondered if there could not be a day devoted to raising funds for such a purpose, first to help this family, and then each year to use the funds to help other people with big hospital bills. She said she would like to name the day Mollyockett Day in honor of one of the area's first healers.

Over the years the day took on a life of its own and the funds were no longer used for this purpose but the name remained. No one ever intended to embarrass, insult or degrade Molly Ockett or any of her people in any way but just to honor her for the many acts of kindness and healing she had done. In reading the articles about this day I have never seen her name mentioned in connection with it so whether she handed her idea on to someone else, although as I remember her it seems unlikely, or whether it is an oversight I do not know. I do know that the first one paid the hospital bill for the person that it was intended for because I remember my aunt talking about it. Anyhow I hope this helps Arla to know that no one ever intended to make it an embarrassment to her or anyone else. Times were different then and it just seemed like a good idea at the time.

Lorraine Larson
Locke's Mills

THS CAKES SALE TO BENEFIT MAKE-A-WISH

To the Editor:

Telstar's National Honor Society is hosting a brand new fundraiser called Honorable Cakes. We are making Valentine's Day themed cakes at a low cost of \$8 with the optional delivery cost of \$5. All funds will go directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which is the Maine National Honor Society's state service project this year. We will be attending the 2014 MNHS Banquet and State Convention this March to present our donation. The cakes are round, 10 inches in diameter, and can be customized as follows: Choice of Cake Mix (choose one) – Red Velvet, Vanilla, Chocolate Choice of Frosting (choose one) – Chocolate, Vanilla Choose a Personal Message, or leave it up to us to add tasteful decorations. Orders can be made by calling the Telstar High School office at 207-824-2136, or by sending an e-mail with your contact information and customizations to honorablecakes@gmail.com. The deadline to make orders is Sunday, Feb. 9. Deliveries shall be made on Thursday, Feb. 13. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon!

Samantha Mallory, NHS President

TMS-PTA MOVIE THANKS

To the Editor:

The Telstar Middle School PTA would like to thank all of those who helped to make our recent movie matinee a success: Pizza Hut of Oxford for donating pizza, Mr. Rafford for helping us with setting up and for running the movie, Telstar Video Store for donating the movie, the boosters club for letting us use the concession room and all of the parents who donated food and drinks. We would also like to give a special thanks to the middle school students who helped with setting up, cleaning up and selling concessions including Morgan Prentice, Jillian Thielbar and Caroline Finley. If you would like to become involved in TMS-PTA, please join us at our monthly meeting which is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the school library.

Margie Finley
Telstar Middle School PTA secretary

Mt. Abram to dedicate ski trail to poet Richard Blanco

Presidential inaugural poet and author Richard Blanco will have a ski trail dedicated in his honor on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Mt. Abram Ski Area. The trail will be named after the poem Mr. Blanco wrote for President Obama's inauguration, entitled "One Today." The ribbon cutting ceremony for the trail will take place at the top of the mountain at 3 p.m.

"It's an honor to dedicate a trail to Richard for the positive impact and contributions he has made to our community here in the greater Bethel area," said Rob Lally, Mt. Abram's owner. Following the inaugural run down the slope, Richard will be available to sign his latest book, "For All Of Us, One Today" in the lodge. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. The celebration will continue with DJ Deepshine in the Loose Boots Lounge, starting at 7 p.m. Richard's friends and fans are invited to the celebration. Those wishing to view the ribbon cutting will meet at the bottom of the "Way Back Machine" chairlift at 2:30 p.m. for a ride to the trail at the top of the mountain.

Celladore

'Of Mopping Up and Manhattan'

These shelves were not nailed down. I took them all out, carried them outdoors, scrubbed them, and left them in the sun to dry. I went inside and kemptoned the cellarway walls which were dry by the time the dishes were ready to go back. Another dinner of warmed-up beef stew, then I flung the cellar door wide for B.B. to look, admire and smell the freshness. We decided to put the cave out of bounds. Guests could sit in the kitchen. We would only go there to take out whatever piece of furniture was ready to go back to its permanent place. We also decided that if Alice were willing, that B.B. might as well continue to live with her; it would leave me more time to work with no bother of fixing meals.

Another night of falling into bed at eight; another morning of getting up at six and to work. This sounds like a tedious account and it's meant to be. Shakespeare must have experienced a fire at some time to have Hotspur say "nothing is as tedious as a railing wife, a tired horse, a smoky house."

Every day I cleaned one box of books and left them in the sun. Every day I made up boxes of this and that to give friends who sewed, hooked or braided rugs or made patchwork. One less thing to handle over or to wash three times. Suddenly it was May and days of sunshine.

I took time to pick mayflowers for Aunt Alice, remembering with a pang Miss Fan's happy annual mayflower day. I walked ahead of her through the field, found a big clump, pulled gently the trailing vines up from the dead grass and found her a place to sit down. She could feel the loose stems and carefully cut them with scissors so as not to damage the roots. I asked her once if she could see anything at all. She wasn't sure but she could smell them and it almost seemed that she saw bits of light twinkling like stars in a dark sky that were the blossoms. Back on the porch I stripped off the dead leaves and made up bunches which we floated in a tub of water until she went home. That evening she would phone her friends and invite them to come in and receive a bouquet that she had picked herself. Then she would phone me and report that she had given them all away except for one bunch kept for herself, that she had made a lot of "old ladies" happy. The so-called old ladies were not blind and were younger than Miss Fan in years, but not in determined spirit.

Work went on. Slowly the attic and living room were emptied, cleaned and resettled. The miles I walked, from attic to kitchen to clothesline, to house, over and over. Dishes washed and back into cupboards, B.B.'s brass ship's clock again, the top of the dining room table refinished. The daffodils came out but were small and stunted. There was little snow to melt and no spring rains.

Then came some of what we called F.T.S.F. days (first times since the fire). They were peaks of joy, like singing Lucia floating over all the high notes and trills, like making a clean course over eight steeplechase jumps, like reaching the top of Mt. Katahdin. The day the living room was no longer a cave; the night I had a bath in my own clean, if bare, bathroom and went to bed in a clean bedroom; days B.B. brought back clean clothes and linens from Alice's and I had a place to put them; the day I baked bread for the first time; the night it was suddenly ten p.m. We hadn't been out to dinner but I was still up and reading the paper; the day B.B. moved home bearing a rose azalea plant for me. It rained that night. I came down next a.m. to find breakfast all cooked and B.B. had also made a fire in the furnace.

I praised the breakfast but could not help inquiring about the furnace fire. Was B.B. catching the ferocious flu at this late date; was the cod liver oil charm no longer working? "I was cold all evening, I was cold most of the night; there is plenty of wood and no need of it being cold here." Then I remembered my nights of sleeping in the cave, going to the porch in the middle of the night for wood, days of working here with no heat at all in the house. All this time he had been living in Alice's very warm house. "There has never been a time," said he, "in our entire married life when you haven't been, either too hot or too cold, and I guess it is going to be that way forever." The tongue is an unruly member, thought I, but said nothing, only more praise for the luxury of not getting my own breakfast.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: About two dozen brave souls leaped into the Androscoggin in the Bethel WinterFest's Polar Bear Plunge to raise funds for the fire department and Telstar's softball team.

Sun Valley Sports and Guide Services and the Greenstock Snowsports coordinated a radar run at the Bethel Airport. There were 249 runs clocked during the two-day event.

Deaths: Miriam D. Bader, Leo G. Bilodeau, James E. Everett, Jr., Lloyd Stearns Gates, Clyde W. Hemingway.

20 years ago: Eight to nine hundred people participated in the fifth annual L. L. Bean Cross-Country Ski Festival at Gould Academy. More than 200 people turned out for a public hearing on the proposed Cross Street land-for-buildings swap.

30 years ago: The Jr. Program at Mt. Abram, open to those 5 to 18 years of age, offered five 1½ hour lessons for \$15.

An early morning fire that originated in an overheated tri-metal chimney destroyed two units in the South Ridge Condominiums.

Births: Mariko Lynne Howe, Holly Pauline Baker, Emily Brown.

Deaths: Debra A. Stevens, Reino Ruokolaime, Frank E. Packard, Heidi B. Burk, Frinda M. Miller.

40 years ago: Kelley's Auto Parts Inc. of Berlin, N.H., had recently opened a branch in the former Steve's Garage on Mechanic Street. Red Drapeau was the store manager.

A collection of paintings by Mrs. Jean Anton of Locke's Mills was on display at the Bethel Library.

Births: David Anthony Bishop, Brian DeShong.

Death: Aino M. Waisanen.

50 years ago: There was good attendance at a roast beef supper and card party held at the Newry Corner Grange to benefit the Bethel Lodge of Masons.

Douglas F. Rice and Frederick J. DesRoches had begun basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Death: Lewis W. Hazelton.

60 years ago: Miss Geraldine Galvin, Bethel, enlisted in the Women's Army Corp with a rank of private, and was training at Ft. Lee, Va.

Miss Mary Ellen Douglass of Upton was crowned queen of the Gould Winter Carnival by Headmaster Ellwood F. Ireland.

Births: Kurtz Edwin Gaugler, Robert John Lowell.

Death: Adrian L. Grover.

70 years ago: Stanley Wheeler, South Paris, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner. The Legion Auxiliary, Mundt-Allen Post had 41 members.

Deaths: John Heikkinen, Richard Allen.

80 years ago: Bethel Footlight Club presented the mystery comedy "The Yellow Shadow."

Fire destroyed the Oxford Grange Hall at Welchville.

Deaths: Mrs. Helena Hill, Leon Bean, Laurence W. Littlehale, Mrs. Etta Smith.

90 years ago: A hearing was held on the raising of the overhead bridge at the foot of Church Street. Evidence was taken and the Public Utilities Commission had the matter under consideration.

Miss Margaret Hanscom was awarded a medal for winning the most points of any individual contestant in the girls' contests at the Bates College Outdoor Carnival.

Death: Nathan Bean.

100 years ago: Gould Academy was bequeathed the sum of \$2,500 by the will of Melville C. Day, who died while traveling in Italy.

The saw-mill and grist-mill, old landmarks at the foot of Mill Hill, were torn down.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dennison of West Bethel moved to Auburn, Ind.

Death: Mrs. Nelson Wilbur.

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CRAFTING

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Most days, Glenna Oliver can be found in her home workshop, where she designs, creates, and markets hand-crafted Christmas stockings and decorative pillows for her on-line shop, "Away Up North."

A. Chapman

the weeks leading up to Christmas.

A new life in Maine

Glenna and her husband Mark moved to Bethel in 2010, after selling the family marina business in New Jersey. The recent empty-nesters were ready to make a new life for themselves.

They had discovered western Maine through camping with their children at South Arm Campground on Lower Richardson Lake, in Township C. Although they had no prior connection to Bethel, they were drawn to the area, and thrilled to find the perfect house waiting for them, nestled into a wooded lot.

"It was time to sell the business in New Jersey, but we weren't ready to retire, so we knew we would both need to find jobs once we moved to Maine," Glenna says.

Mark quickly found work in his field—he now works at Moose Landing Marina in Naples—but Glenna, who had been a stay-at-home mom throughout their marriage, hadn't yet made up her mind about what direction to pursue.

"Away Up North" on Etsy Her daughter, Caitlin, suggested turning a long-time hobby into a business. Glenna had always loved to sew, and over the years had created quilts, clothing, and gifts, but she had never thought about using her crafting skills to make a living.

Caitlin knew that the on-line marketplace, Etsy, where individuals sell unique and handmade goods, would be the perfect showcase for her mom's talents.

"Years earlier, a friend who ran an antiques store had asked me to make

some Christmas stockings for her to sell in her shop," Glenna says. "We still have four of them that we use for our own family every year. My daughter knew all about Etsy, and she suggested setting up an Etsy shop and making Christmas stockings to sell."

They searched the Etsy website for Christmas stockings to see what was already being offered, and found nearly 9,000 listings—a number that has since increased ten-fold as Etsy's popularity has grown. But none were quite like Glenna's designs, which are made of wool fabric, lined with muslin, and appliquéd with rustic motifs such as pine trees, bears, and moose.

Glenna set up a workspace in the large open area overlooking her living room, and opened her on-line shop in October of 2011, the same day Mark started his new job at the marina. "Things got crazy," she says, as the stockings began selling right away.

She was surprised at how well her new business venture took off, and after the holidays she decided to add decorative throw pillows and small balsam pillows to her product line.

"Originally, all of the balsam came from our own

Christmas tree," Glenna says. But the pillows, too, have become popular, and she has had to find additional sources for the balsam filling, especially after receiving an order for 90 of the pillows, to be used as wedding favors.

She credits Etsy's support system for helping her navigate the process of starting an on-line business.

"Etsy is there to help you with all the nuts and bolts," she says, providing on-line tutorials, forums, and local events for its members.

Glenna joined the Etsy Maine Team, and has become a team leader for the group, which is comprised of more than 800 Etsy sellers from across the state who share resources and ideas.

Sales of her Christmas stockings have doubled or tripled each year, with orders starting earlier than usual last year, and picking up even more with her inclusion in the Down East gift guide.

METERS

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Said Brent Angevine, chairman of the BWD Board of Trustees, "We couldn't even purchase them. We had bought some from other water systems, but they're hard to find."

He said the new meter system will also allow the BWD to detect leaks and burst pipes as the staff makes its routine rounds. If they carry the readers with them, an alarm will go off if they drive by a house with a broken pipe.

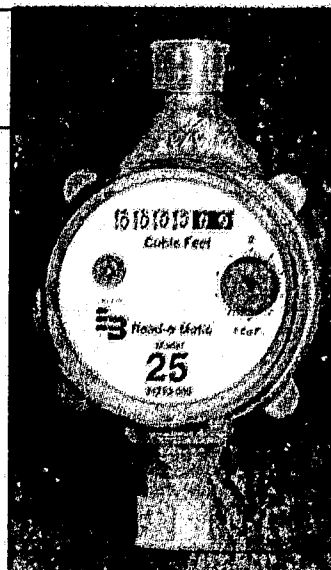
Angevine said the new meter project will cost be-

tween \$225,000 and \$250,000, and will be financed through a loan from the Maine Bond Bank.

A request for bids has been advertised. Angevine said there are two bid requests: for the equipment and for installation.

He said he hopes local contractors will bid on the installation.

As part of the upgrade, the BWD's computer billing system will also be upgraded. "It will help us bring a lot of the system up to date," he said.



The current meter used by the Bethel Water District.

A. Aloisio

BALLOT

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ballot scenario made the time frame unworkable, residents debated the proposal concept itself, which the selectboard had tentatively placed on the ballot last week.

Several advocated removing the question, saying the draft's provisions were more favorable to the district than the town. (For the text of the draft agreement, go to www.bethelcitizen.com.)

Rick Mills added that the question would confuse voters, who must also vote on March 18 on whether to re-start the withdrawal process from SAD 44.

That question was put on the ballot in response to a petition, which was circulated in the wake of last month's vote in Andover on withdrawing from SAD 44, a vote that fell just short of the 2/3 majority needed.

But others Tuesday wanted voters to have another choice besides another withdrawal process. Wayne Delano, citing the \$1.2 estimated budget for Andover to have an independent school system, said if there was an option available to keep

AES open "and not cost a million dollars, I want to hear it."

Former SAD 44 director Sid Pew agreed, noting the proposal could also save Andover money over what it has been paying annually in extra money to SAD 44 to keep the school open.

"We have a responsibility to everyone in town to see what can be worked out. If we don't like it we can vote it down," he said.

But Merrow then explained the absentee ballot requirement. Selectman Keith Farrington, who said he had thought the agreement itself could be negotiated until just before the vote, then joined Merrow in voting the article off the ballot. Selectman Judy Tabb voted

to keep it on because she said she favored a choice for residents.

Selectmen last week had also formally appoint a committee (Farrington, Marshall Meisner and Paula Lee) to negotiate a final AES transfer/lease agreement with SAD 44. Merrow said she favored having the panel continue to talk to SAD 44 on the possibility an agreement might be drawn up for a future vote, should the withdrawal process fail.

SAD 44 had said if both the withdrawal re-start and the AES proposal were approved in the March 18 vote, the district could only honor the withdrawal process, in compliance with state law.

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The Children's Camp at Trout Lake in Stoneham

By Joyce White,
Special to the Citizen

As each of the four two-week camp sessions ends, children at Camp Susan Curtis on Trout Lake in Stoneham make short comments about their camp experience.

Olivia from the stART (success through ART) program said, "I got to meet some awesome new people and try new things. I also got to know myself better by learning my strengths and weaknesses." Another stART camper, Nellie, "loved the way the water feels when I jump into the green side and the way the sand feels under my feet."

Casey from the Venture Out Program "climbed about seven mountains. It was the best time of my life. Our group learned lots about nature and leadership." Another Venture Out participant, Lorraine, said, "We did a lot of team building activities. I got to know everyone in my group a lot better."

Children in those programs are in the 13 to 15 age range, but children from ages eight to 15 attend camp. Camp activities aim to be fun while also helping children to enhance the process of growing into responsible, competent, healthy and happy human beings.

Camp Susan Curtis began in the minds of Gov. Kenneth and wife Polly Curtis more than 40 years ago, after the death of their daughter, Susan. Compassionate Maine people had sent gifts of money totaling \$5,000 and, with the help of a group of friends, they made the decision to

create The Susan L. Curtis Foundation to honor their daughter by providing a summer camp experience for Maine children whose families could not afford to send them to other camps that dot Maine lakes. More money came in from other benefactors to help meet the goal of providing a summer camp experience free of charge to low income Maine children.

An existing camp, formerly known as Trout Lake Camp for Boys in the 1940s when astronaut Buzz Aldrin attended as a child, was on the market in 1971. It was purchased and opened as Camp Susan Curtis in 1974, providing a tuition-free, two-week camp experience. Programs have grown and changed during those 40 years but the tuition-free status and the mission remain the same. The cost though, of providing a high-quality, two-week camp experience for more than 500 children has not stayed the same. Melissa Cilley, Esq., Executive Director in the Portland office of the Foundation admits that, "In these difficult economic times with applications for camp increasing, funding has become more of a challenge. It costs about \$1,200 for each camper."

The camp owns 100 acres of lake frontage with a conservation easement and enjoys the use of another 300 conservation acres in woodland with hiking trails. The overall business and fund-raising of the camp is managed through the Foundation headquartered in Portland while the on-site management is



A group of campers at Camp Susan Curtis in Stoneham.

Submitted photo

the responsibility of Terri Mulks and the Camp staff.

The first of four two-week sessions begins the third week of June. Ten cabins house the eight to 12-year-olds with 10 or 11 children, two counselors and one counselor-in-training (CIT) in each cabin. Older children live in separate arrangements—some on tent platforms, others in larger cabins and some with the younger children as CITs, depending upon which they have chosen as their focus—leadership, adventure or arts.

Once campers have gone through leadership training, Melissa explained, they can become CITs, around the age of 15 or 16, the step before paid counselor. Campers who return year after year can progress to full-fledged counselors.

Camp Susan Curtis offers a full range of activities. In addition to the traditional nature explorations and hikes and waterfront activities, campers can participate in plays, create many art forms, do rugged camping trips in nearby mountains, do a ropes course, learn archery, play kickball. For rainy days there is a gym, a library and a crafts building. And though it rained the entire first week of the first session last summer, there was not one complaint in the campers' comments.

Not all activities focus on the physical aspect, though. There are activities involving the mind and emotions. Camp Director Terri Mulks explains that children learn important life skills—communication skills, respect for themselves, each other, adults

and the natural world. Mornings begin at 7:45 with an opening thought called "password," which focuses on an attitude campers are encouraged to imitate during the day—be cheerful, help others, for example.

Then in the evening, before lights out, at 9:30, campers have time to discuss with the counselors events and feelings from the day, including a focus on how well they lived up to the password of the day. Between morning and evening lights out, the days are divided into five activity periods with time for sit down meals in the spacious dining hall located in the same building as the gym.

Children's comments reflect their attitudes toward some of these activities. Fifth grader Serena said "I love to dance and sing. I especially like dance because

we get to perform for the whole camp." Sixth grader Violet "made new friends and tried new things. I feel very proud of myself for doing the new things." Another sixth grader, Emma, said, "I feel very comfortable at my camp, and very safe. A fifth grader's comments bring tears to the eyes for its implications: "Thank you so much for being nice and feeding me three meals a day. Thank you for keeping me safe."

Seventh-grader Josh has "learned new things like how to work together to figure things out, eating right like the 5-2-1-0 rule and also how to budget my money." 5-2-1-0 is a Healthy Lifestyle Program, Terri explained, that advocates 5 servings of fruit and vegetables every day; 2 hours or less of recreational screen time; 1 hour or more of physical activity; 0 sugary drinks.

Even as new activities have been added, the focus has remained the same: To provide an enjoyable two weeks of learning and growing through a variety of activities planned to foster each child's development of healthy interpersonal and leadership skills plus a sense of personal worth and responsibility toward people and the environment.

This is the time of year when teachers and counselors are suggesting names of children who might benefit from the camp experience. Fund raising goes on all year but intensifies as registrations come in. Any help is appreciated. For more information go to www.susancurtisfoundation.org.

Deadline dropped for Newry road proposals

By Terry Karkos/Sun Media Wire

Selectmen decided late Tuesday afternoon to revisit the Letter S road project timeline at the board's budget meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Town Office.

Last month, officials sent out engineering requests for proposals to a list of identified firms to reconstruct a 1,200-foot section of the Sunday River Road

in the Nordic Knoll Road and Letter S swimming hole area. The deadline to return them was Tuesday, Feb. 18.

However, Administrator Loretta Powers said Tuesday that town officials had received several complaints from firms.

"They said the time frame is too close," Selectman Brooks Morton said. Powers said there is still

so much ice and snow on the ground that officials had trouble finding culverts and couldn't even see one culvert.

She said the Feb. 18 date is no longer valid. At town meeting on March 3, selectmen plan to propose up to \$400,000 for the road fix. The work will be awarded pending approval of the expenditure.

In other business, the

board discussed replacing the battery backup in the generator at the Bear River Grange Hall and learned what's to be done about the Grafton Township library books.

Grafton gave up its town charter in 1919, according to "Grafton, Maine: A Historical Sketch" by Margaret Joy Tibbetts.

Powers said Oxford County, which owns the collection of a few hundred books, has decided to leave the books at the Newry Town Office.

"These are the books that were at Bessie Learned's house," Anita Clark, deputy clerk, said.

The collection was also kept for a time at the Sunday River Schoolhouse before being moved into the Newry Town Office, Powers said.



CANDIDATE FOR LEGISLATURE-Fran Head of Bethel has announced her candidacy for the state representative seat for District 117, to replace Jarrod Crockett, who is retiring. Head will run as a Republican. For more on Head, see her Letter to the Editor. Page 2.

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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



As you all know, this has been one heck of a winter and it's not over yet. We have suffered through extreme cold, snow and freezing rain. I keep telling myself that spring will be here before we know it, but as I hear my furnace running nonstop and see the snow covered trees outside my kitchen it seems like spring is a very long way off.

This harsh winter has certainly been great fodder for those who love to engage in weather competition. There are those people who seem to delight in boasting that they had more snow in their backyard or the temperature was colder at their house than anywhere else in the area. They act as if they somehow had a hand in directing Mother Nature into bestowing the prize of bad weather on them.

I'm sure you all know the people I'm talking about. One person might say, "Boy, it sure was cold last night. It was 10 below at my house!" Then the weather competitor will say, "That's nothing! It was close to 20 below at my house!" Or, "There was a good foot of snow on my back deck from yesterday's storm!"

The weather competi-

tor's response might be, "You were lucky. We had at least 18" on the porch roof; maybe even more!"

The fact that these two people may only live a block apart is of no consequence to the weather competitor.

Then there are the "Old timers" who may not really be all that old, just older than their audience.

"You think this is bad! I can remember when it

pered. School is called off at the first sign of a snowflake and then they get a message sent to their darn cell phones. When I was a kid school didn't get called off unless there was a blizzard that raged on for three or four days and then we had to listen for the fire whistle to blow the "no school" blast before we knew we didn't have to go to school."

I do, in fact, remember the fire whistle. I think two blasts by 7 a.m. meant there was no school. Whenever it snowed at night or snow was predicted I would lie in my bed the next morning just waiting to hear the fire whistle. I was quite disappointed when it didn't blow.

There aren't any fire whistles any more (or fire alarm boxes either) and notifying parents and kids through cell phones and emails is probably pretty efficient.

Maybe the weather really was worse in the "olden days" than it is now, but what we are getting this winter is definitely bad enough.

I do not intend to compete with anyone over the cold and snow and the way I see it, if it's colder at your house or if you get more snow than I do, good for you...you win!

The best of the worst!

was 30 below or more every night for most of the winter! It was so cold that all the red barns turned blue!"

Or, "A foot of snow? When I was a kid most of the snowstorms dropped at least 3 feet and it snowed darn near every other day! And I still had to walk to school...up-hill...both ways!"

That's about the time the "Old timers" start lamenting about just how darn easy the kids of today have it.

"These kids are so pam-

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Oct. 1 to have the property cleaned up, with the provision that Greenwood would waive civil penalties if the town could break even on attorney's fees and costs. But Judge Robert Clifford found last month that in exhibits submitted from the town dated Oct. 23, "the property was not even close to complying."

Greenwood originally sought an award of the minimum civil penalties, \$100 a day, from July 18, 2012 to Oct. 23, 2013, a sum of \$46,200. But "given the circumstances of the Grovers, the Town seeks only 410,000 in civil penalties," Clifford's order said.

Bertha said her husband runs a lawn and garden and snow removal business, and keeps a lot of old snowblowers, lawn mowers and other equipment around to use for parts.

They have removed several loads of metal, four vehicles and waste, she said.

Doug acknowledged he still has six vehicles on the property. The law allows no more than two unregistered ones.

The Grovers claim the town has not been specific enough on what else needs to be removed. Sparks, however, said earlier court orders have required all



The view of the Grover's property from Rowe Hill Road. A. Aloisio



A photo on the Grover property in October 2013. J. Corey-Whitman

material be taken away. Grovers about \$3,000 for similar (though less extensive) violations, and be-

cause the current situation is a repeat offense, the town is standing its ground.

Reusable

The couple said they have used some of the materials to help other people out. Old piping was used to help fix a neighbor's water system. They also provided insulation, chainsaw parts, vehicle parts and boards, Doug said. Another neighbor benefited from scrap lumber used for home repairs, car parts and scrap metal, he said.

Last fall, in a discussion with selectmen, Doug also used the example of a mattress he is using against the back of his house to help keep out the cold this winter.

"Why can't I use stuff that I feel is usable and if it's organized and presentable so the neighbors don't complain?" he asked then.

"There's too much stuff piled up," Corey-Whitman told him. "It's not leaving the property."

Bertha said she and her husband are, talking to a lawyer about options because they cannot afford to pay the fine and fees.

She said they will remove more items when the ground thaws to try to avoid the town taking over the cleanup and billing them.

Webster candidate for Newry selectman

Incumbent Newry selectman Wendy Hanscom will have at least one challenger for her seat at the March 3 annual Town Meeting.

Doug Webster has taken out nomination papers for the three-year position. Hanscom, the town's first female selectman, has served on

the board for 19 years, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers. She has also taken out nomination papers. Candidates

are not required to take out papers and get signatures, however - they may still be nominated from the floor at Town Meeting.

North Pond boat launch talks start

*By Alison Aloisio

Representatives from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Transportation have started working with Woodstock selectmen to find a new boat launch option for North Pond.

The existing one on Route 26 has been deemed unsafe for backing boats into

the water because of traffic on the road. And a private landing that had been available for public use was recently closed out of liability concerns.

MDOT initially closed the Route 26 launch, but then learned that for North Pond to continue to be eligible for fish stocking by IFW, a launch is required.

Officials met recently in

Woodstock to try to find a solution.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield said that one suggestion was to see if land adjacent to the Route 26 site might be purchased to expand it, perhaps providing vehicle access via the nearby Rocky Road to a half-moon shaped water access road. Parking space for at least five vehicles would be

needed, he said.

The two state agencies agreed to research possible funding available for such an arrangement, Maxfield said.

He will also look into the possibility of other waterfront property on the Gore Road.

A date for the next meeting among the officials has not yet been set.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



February is the 50th anniversary of American Heart Month. This designation is aimed at raising awareness that heart disease is the number one killer of Americans. Although heart disease now kills one million less people each year than it did in 1964, cardiovascular diseases still kill more people every year than all cancers combined. This Friday, Feb. 7, is National Wear Red Day, which draws particular attention to the fight against heart disease in women. There are many things that you can do to help in the fight against heart disease: give a donation to a group like the American Heart Association, make a healthy lifestyle change such as walking more or eating healthier foods, or simply wearing red to draw attention to the fight against this disease.

If you need some help with your taxes, there are AARP volunteers who offer free assistance with tax preparation at the Norway Memorial Library on Fri-



Garry and Skye Olson of Austin, Texas recently visited Bethel. "I just spent the last week in your beautiful town of Bethel visiting family," Garry wrote by e-mail. "My daughter and I loved it! The shop owners were great and the people were very friendly. I was able to take a few pictures of your very scenic town and surrounding areas, and we wanted to share them with you." Olson took photos of the covered bridge on the Pathway, using multiple exposures.

Garry Olson

days and Saturdays. You must have an appointment, which you can make by calling 333-6448.

As part of Senator Angus King's initiative, "Your Government, Your Neighborhood," his office sends seven representatives to communities throughout the state every month. The

representatives provide alternative ways for Maine citizens to raise concerns and ideas with King's staff. A representative will be at Norway Memorial Library on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. No appointment is necessary for you to drop in and talk with

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Wednesday, Jan. 29

At 3:42 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy Nathan Bowley responded to South Main Street in Woodstock for a burglary. Items had been rummaged through but apparently nothing was taken. A front door was shattered.

Thursday, Jan. 30

At 7:15 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a threat complaint from 2012 in Upton. The incident remains under investigation.

At 10:29 a.m. on Parkway in Bethel Deputy Josh Wyman arrested Steven Willis, 55, of Upton on a warrant.

Friday, Jan. 31

At 2:10 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a one-vehicle crash on Main Street in Bethel. The driver was taken to the hospital with head injuries and was summonsed for OUI.

At 8:06 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland directed traffic at the scene of a chimney fire on the West Bethel Road in Bethel.

Saturday, Feb. 1

At 9:50 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the East Bethel Road in Bethel for a single-vehicle crash with no injuries. The occupants were checked by Bethel Rescue.

At 11:03 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for a gas driveoff. The deputy found the vehicle at another business and had the subject return to pay.

At 1:13 p.m. a caller in Newry reported \$350 stolen from a wallet that had been left in a business office. Deputy Willie Nelson was assigned.

Sunday, Feb. 2

At 2:35 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Cpl. George Cayer responded to Gilead for a vehicle rollover in extremely hazardous road conditions. There were two occupants with minor injuries.

At 11:06 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Route 2 in Gilead for a report of an assault in a motor vehicle. A juvenile was arrested.

At 1:01 p.m. a Bethel business on Cross Street reported a vehicle had hit the building. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded. There were no injuries, minor damage to the building and very little to the vehicle.

Monday, Feb. 3

At 9:52 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney investigated a damaged vehicle on the North Road in Bethel that had hit a snowbank the day before. There was possibly enough damage for a reportable crash.

At 6:15 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to a business on the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a report of theft of motor vehicle parts. The case is under investigation.

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East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you're well. As I sit here Sunday evening and write it is a balmy 37 degrees outside and foggy. We didn't see the sun today, but we did wake up to a few inches of fluffy, sticky snow, perfect for snowmen and for my dogs to roll around.

My dogs and I were out for six miles on Saturday. We went all over. I saw a few people cross-country skiing and then found that others have been out enjoying their snowshoes along the trails I've been traveling. It's nice to know the warmer temperatures are enticing people to get out and enjoy what we have in our own backyards.

Being out so much and seeing different things, I want to take a minute to request a favor. If you or someone you know has a dog please be sure to have their ID tags on them at all times. I say this for a couple of reasons.

Remember a couple of weeks ago when I told you about the coyotes in the woods while my friends and I were snowshoeing? How it sounded like they were getting closer or following us. Well, before that night I did notice that they were using my trail to go through the woods. My dogs and I noticed their sign all the way out to Arlene's field and then they went off into the woods toward the swamp. We also saw sign up over the mountain behind Countryside Acres and present all the way down to East Bethel Road near Babe's field and in the logging road behind Johnson Park.

Well, this past Saturday, as the dogs and I headed up behind Johnson Park, there were the remains of a deer. The remains consisted of the paunch, some hair and lots of blood. I understand that the deer was probably weak and that's the way of the food chain, but what if someone's dog had been out there with a hungry coyote around?

This brings me to Sunday when I got a call from Nancy in Johnson Park. She had a strange dog at her house that had also been seen by Roger Zimmerman while he was out running. She was a very old dog, white face, red in color, choker around her neck, and very, very skinny with some bare patches on her, long nails and a scab-laden nose.

I contacted animal control and met her with the dog, only to have the owner come along and claim her, stating that she had followed her husband out the snowmobile trail that morning.

Please, please, for the sake of your pets and the people like Nancy and Roger who care for the welfare of these animals, especially on snowy back roads; be sure to have some identification on them and, if they do have a tendency to



UP FOR ADOPTION

The Heart of the Mountains shelter in Bethel has three dogs and a kitten available for adoption. Pictured are, at left: Red, a high energy, playful American Bulldog; bottom right: Cinco, a high energy, purebred Husky, almost 2 years old; and bottom left: Sampson, about 6-7 years old, Plott Hound, somewhat of a special needs dog (best if he can find a home with a routine, regular exercise and no babies). Found just this week is a kitten, unnamed, injured, in need of caring, loving home and more medical attention. For more information go to <http://heartofthemountains.org/>, look for the shelter on Facebook or call 207-418-1560.

Submitted photos

whole team played hard and was pleased with their performance. This was Sidney's second goal this season. Last weekend she scored the winning goal for the team.

Earlier this winter we saw an adult opossum in our yard. This past weekend we saw two little ones near our house. They are certainly funny looking.

Gilead Historical Society Don Provencher, Gorham, N.H., stopped by the house last week to pay his dues and drop off a calendar for us.

Hugh and I have been busy gathering information for the project that we are working on with Howard Reiche. Sounds like another publication for the GHS!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. is the Valentines Banquet, open to all church attendees. Please sign up as space is limited. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. is Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotion. Sunday, Feb. 23, is "Missions Emphasis Sunday." Chris and Lois Tignor will be special guests at the 6 p.m. evening service. They are missionaries to Ecuador.

The exercise class still meets at the library on Thursdays, but the time has been changed to 10 a.m. Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meet today (Feb. 6) at 11:30 at the Ledgerview Living Center, West Paris. Meeting at 11:30, dinner by Ledgerview and a Sing-Along program. Dues are due at this meeting.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet at the Town Conference Room at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8. Meeting will be followed by a program on Ezra Stephens, "Maine's Barnum." Come hear about this character. The public is welcome to attend.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW will meet on Monday, Feb. 10 at Alice's. Valentines will be signed for the Veterans Home at this meeting.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Roland Lord.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Welcome back friendly winter! What glorious days we have had to play in the snow. I've heard from riders that the snowmobile trails in our area have been in excellent condition. With the recent warm temps, be aware of ponds and streams which have reported thawing.

The Library Bees have migrated to a warmer location for a few weeks since our little library, the usual meeting place, was only able to reach 58 degrees. Coats and gloves were not conducive to efficient handiwork so the Bees decided to take a good neighbor

chase, keep them hooked or inside until the coast is clear.

Daisy just happened to be up on vacation with her family from Massachusetts and got away. She could have easily been hit on the road, picked up by a not-so-honest person, or in her case, almost brought to Norway until her owners were located.

I'm happy I was able to be of some help in getting Daisy back to her people. Thanks to Nancy for reaching out and to Roger for inquiring who she may belong.

Now, I read a couple more books this past week; "Mountains, Madness and Miracles" by Lauree Bliss and "Sportin' a Tude" by Patsy Clairmont. Oh my, two more great pieces.

Lauralee took me along on her hike of the Appalachian Trail in 2007 with her 16 year old son from Georgia to Maine and then her lone hike from Maine to Georgia by sections from 2008 to 2011. Yes, the woman is registered as a 4,000 miler and her story is one of true faith.

Every step of her journey she shared how she saw God at work and how she never felt alone, because she knew He was always there with her. This is another great book to snuggle up with on one of these chilly winter nights.

The other, you guessed it, Patsy once again brought a smile to my face and enlightenment to my soul. She took me on a nice little journey of how our attitude, the various ones that we have, can manipulate the dialog of any conversation. It's our choice to recognize how we're treating others and to figure out ways to avoid forcing our "tudes" on others when we're not in the right frame of mind.

I've enjoyed her comical twists, her real life references and look forward to hearing her speak again at Women of Faith.

If you have some family news or thoughts you would like to share with me, please feel free to e-mail me at brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me, 357-3469. Thank you for reading, blessings to you.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



This coming Saturday, Feb. 8, the 5th grade class of Andover Elementary School will be conducting a bottle drive to benefit their spring trip to Boston. This is an easy way to support our school children and help them widen their experiences. A second bottle drive will be held on April 5. I find that leaving a bag full of bottles on my steps lets me help out without worrying about whether I'll be home or not.

February is a traditional month of many outdoor activities because it's usually the time when the snow pack and ice thickness are at their best for skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing. The Snow Valley Snowgoers are sponsoring a trip to the wind towers on Feb. 16, followed by lunch at the clubhouse. Tickets are \$10 for non-members and \$8 for members.

On Feb. 15, ice-fishing enthusiasts can try their luck at the Larry Mercier Ice Fishing Derby on Roxbury Pond from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. to see if they can catch the tagged fish worth \$2,000. Prizes will be awarded in other categories.

For those of you who would rather be warm than outdoors, there will be a fundraiser for Steve and Cindy Simmons on Feb. 22 in the Town Hall. The

event will be kicked off with an auction upstairs beginning at 1 p.m. Following an afternoon of spirited bidding, stay for a spaghetti supper in the dining hall. The food for this event is being provided by the Good Food Store with many thanks from the committee for their support. At 7 p.m. upstairs there will be a great evening of entertainment featuring The Teacher's Lounge Mafia Improv Group and music by Pete Coolidge and Friends. So come out and attend one or all of the activities to support a neighbor.

I had the opportunity this week to speak with Jim Adler, candidate for Selectman. Jim has served on the Planning Board for a number of years and says he has no agenda except to serve and address problems as they arise. Jim says he will be able to call on his father who has been a Selectman in Otisfield for 46 years. Having been a Selectman for nine years, I can't imagine what fortitude and dedication it took to serve for that length of time.

Speaking of Town Meeting time, this will be a very important meeting and election. Remember Town Meeting is on March 15, and the actual election is on March 18, when polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. In addition to electing a Selectman and a SAD 44 School Director, there are several questions regarding our school situation. So be sure to come out and vote. My stance always is, if you don't vote you lose your right to complain.

The Food Pantry would appreciate your help during this month with donations of canned meat, fish, chicken, etc. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m., or you could drop off items at the church on Sunday morning between 9 and 11 a.m. and there are

boxes in local stores for the requested items.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Even though there was a nuisance snowstorm that came through on Saturday night and left a couple of inches of snow, Sunday turned out to be a little better. It was cloudy and dismal but a little bit warmer.

My brother, Steve McLain, got a surprise last Sunday morning. There was an accident near the end of his driveway sometime in the middle of the night. The Gilead Fire Dept. and an Oxford County Sheriff's Deputy responded. The car slid off the road, broke off the post and sent the mailbox flying. He had to retrieve his mailbox from the snow bank where it was left after the accident.

Lise McLain would like to wish a belated Happy 2nd Birthday to Teddy Crockett (Jan. 29). Teddy is the son of Lise's nephew and wife, Jarrod and Paige Crockett.

Our son and fiancé, Chris and Kym, moved into their new house this past weekend. They are still in Omaha, Neb., but now they own instead of rent.

Hugh and I went to Berlin, N.H., last Sunday to watch Sidney's hockey game. She plays for the Berlin team at the arena. There was a game in the morning, but we missed that one. That game ended with a tied score of four to four. The game in the afternoon was tied one to one going into the second period and then the other team scored another goal. In the third period, the score was three to one. With only a few seconds left, Sid hustled down the ice and scored a goal. They lost the game with a score of three to two. The

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up on her offer. Ms. Anne Wheeler has graciously opened her cozy and beautiful home, The House on the Hill on the Howard Pond Road, so the Bees could begin work on their latest group project. Peg, Lynne, Wilma, Paulette, Dottie and Maria participated in designing, cutting and sewing a 12-block patriotic quilt to be given as a gift. Delicious hot mulled cider and homemade goodies provided the much needed sustenance for nearly five hours of quilting bliss! Sewing machines buzzed, steam irons pressed open seams and cutters zipped through fabric all afternoon. The Bees expect to complete their project very soon. Stay tuned for more details on the intended recipient. The Bees thank Ms. Wheeler for welcoming them into her home.

The next meeting of the Library Trustees is Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

Are you a fan of Richard Blanco, Inaugural Poet, and local resident of Bethel? I am. On Saturday, Feb. 15, Mt. Abram Ski Area in Greenwood will be dedicating a new ski trail to Blanco. The ribbon cutting for the trail, to be named "One Today," will take place beginning at 2:30 p.m. Skiers, guests and friends will be invited to ride the chair lift to the top for the ceremony and take an "inaugural" ski run down the mountain. Festivities will follow at the Main Lodge with a book signing of Blanco's new release and a birthday celebration for the poet. There will be music and great food in the Loose Boots Lounge. All are invited to attend. This is your chance to meet Blanco and obtain an autographed copy of his book "For All of Us, One Today" which features his inaugural poem and memoirs of his journey as America's fifth inaugural poet.

I would love to hear from you with news, comments and feedback. Please drop me an e-mail at HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Regardless of what the groundhog saw or did not see, we'll still have at least six more

weeks of winter. Not much happening at the moment relative to town government. This year's budget committee meetings will begin Feb. 20, 6 p.m., at the town office. No agenda has been set yet, but the budgets are usually finalized in three to four meetings.

Early notice so you can mark your calendars. The Maine-Iac Mountaineers will be playing at the new Greenwood Town Office Feb. 16, Sunday, at 2 p.m. Anyone who would like to listen is welcome. It's been a cold winter, so get out of that cabin and come on over. There is no charge.

Ran into Blaine Mills recently and he told me he is researching the history of Patch Mountain. He is putting together a presentation about this area for the Greenwood Historical Society. It will happen when the weather is warm and the grass is green.

The wood pile is down to the smaller half. The cold of last month certainly took a big bite out of the wood supply. Tough financially for those folks who heat with oil.

For those who need a bit of help, the Food Pantry will be open Monday, Feb. 10, noon to 8 p.m. It is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church on Church Street, Bethel. Any who need food are welcome.

Fresh greens are in at The Local Hub. Pea sprouts are available and taste so good. Great in salads, on sandwiches, in stir fries. Locally grown and just harvested.

Speaking of green, last weekend I saw the faintest haze of green above a stand of birch trees on the hills. I thought it was my imagination but a friend confirmed the same sight. Later the same day, I picked a small bud from a birch tree, peeled it open, and there was the beginning of a tiny gold-green leaf. It was the millions of buds on the hillside that result-

ed in that palest of green haze. I was as excited to see that green as I was to see the first snowflake a few months back. Ah, change. Don't we love it.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



I am happy to report that Shiloh's digestive system returned to normal by Monday of last week, and I was saved from a potentially expensive trip to the vet. He is back to his old happy, romping, jumping self with an appetite that is never satisfied.

I am also happy to report that brother Stanley returned home from rehab on Friday of last week. Unhappily, his wife Mary suffered a mild stroke that very afternoon, and Stan accompanied the ambulance to Stephens Memorial because he is not allowed to drive yet. As of Sunday evening, Mary was resting comfortably and was expected to be transferred out of the ICU the following day.

I am reading a very thought provoking book titled, "Things that Matter," by Charles Krauthammer, an amazing person in his own life. He received a Doctorate in Medicine and Psychiatry while lying paralyzed from the neck down in a hospital, but his interests changed from the practice of medicine to one of a political commentator. In the book, page 129, he states, "For all the sublimity of art, physics, music, mathematics and other manifestations of human genius, everything depends on the mundane, frustrating, often debased vocation known as politics... Because if we don't get politics right, everything else risks extinction." As an example illustrating this concept, Krauthammer, page 128 states, "Why, a mere 17 years after Homo sapiens - born 200,000 years ago - discovered atomic power, those most stable and sober states, America and the Soviet Union, came within inches of mutual annihilation." Food for thought.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society will have their annual election meeting Sunday, April 27. Please attend as this meeting also sets goals and initiates the society's plans for the year.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will have a meeting Friday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. at the Upton House. The meeting is to finalize their plans for their Fishing Derby and their Ride-In/Cookout at the Sugar Shack. The Fishing Derby is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23. The Ride-In/Cookout will be Saturday, March 1. Cooks are needed for the ride-in. Please contact a club officer or attend the meeting if you wish to volunteer to be a cook or to assist other ways.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Town Office.

The Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 28 at the Town Office.

Upton received about four inches of snow Saturday night. The snowmobile trails were in good shape before and should be even better now.

It appears that this may be one of those winters that we have very little snow until March and then receive about five feet in March. Too much, too late?



MASON JOINS REAL ESTATE NETWORK-Cassie Mason has recently joined The Maine Real Estate Network at 33 Fair Street in Norway. Mason was born and raised in Bethel. She is a 2003 graduate of Gould Academy and a 2007 graduate of the University of Colorado. She has a bachelor's degree as well as a Certificate of Applied Business which she earned from Leeds School of Business, Colo. Cassie Mason has previous work experience as a real estate sales agent with a brokerage in Bozeman, Montana. She is excited to have permanently relocated to her hometown of Bethel. As an associate with The Maine Real Estate Network, Mason will service residential, land and lease purchase transactions in the greater Bethel area.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The weekend was not as bad as predicted. That is good. Now we face two more storms. One Wednesday (yesterday), one Sunday. We're sure on a track for bad weather on Sundays. That is OK. I try not to plan anything for Sunday.

This Sunday, Gertrude thought it was warm enough to come out of her house for a stroll. She enjoyed pecking at the snow, but did not stay out long. It was not that warm yet. Lefty stayed in, happily.

Attended the Alan Day Community Garden open this past Sunday. All discussed their ideas for the garden; we ordered seeds and visited with each other. It was a nice event. We planned for April and Earth Day and other events for the coming season.

Friday night, 5 to 7 p.m., is the Main Street Gallery First Friday Reception at 426 Main Street, Norway. Featured artist of the month is: Cynthia R. Burmeister. Visitors will receive a 10 percent discount on selected works.

Next Friday is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your sweetie. There is a sweetheart hike, meeting in the Bald Patch Parking lot. It is moderately strenuous. Bring snowshoes, traction devices, headlamps.

Friday, Feb. 21, 6 to 8 p.m., there will be a Seed Swap/Seed Saving workshop at Fare Share Commons in Norway. More on that next week.

That is all for this week. Watch out for those snow storms. Stay warm and stay safe and healthy.

Open Air

By TOM REMINGTON

I Took to the Woods
By all calculations, it was my 38th year, with a couple of absences mixed in, that I found myself at hunting camp unpacking my gear. If the diehard hunter, who's

seeking his prey in all seriousness, wanted better odds at bagging any deer, Albany hunting camp might be the last place to go.

But that's not why I go... is it? Nah! But is that just an excuse of some sort, an apology for the absence of deer to hunt? Isn't insanity the act of repeating the same process, each time hoping for a different outcome? What? Am I nuts? Some may think so... actually some do. Perhaps my skill level has waned.

Fancy words might render unto some a pseudo understanding of what one week of hunting camp is about, but even after 38 years, I fail in that endeavor.

There are always tales to tell, some fabulous, some not so much, others embellished just a wee bit, but not from my mouth.

The years of physical abuse from football, ski jumping, risk taking and just plain hard work have taken a toll on this aging body. Oh, I'm not unique in any sense. Most Maine men, at least those graduates of my past, suffer many of the same afflictions, for much the same reasons. No complaints though. I love my life.

I have mostly given up toting a heavy hunting rifle around in the woods, although I will take it if circumstances dictate. The arms and shoulders just don't seem to get the job done anymore. Instead, it's a pistol. After about roughly 40 hours in the Maine woods, all on foot, I was never presented an opportunity where I wished I had had my rifle. As a matter of fact, most of the time, I wonder why even the pistol?

There was one day; a day that gave me hope for the future. I was with a friend. It had recently rained some and the woods were very quiet. I knew where I was going. No, not crazy. I reached that destination long ago.

It was one of my favorite locations. Don't we collect them after once seeing and

taking a nice buck? I crept along being very quiet. I had been in this same spot earlier in the week and had jumped, what I believed to be, a nice buck. I hoped he was still around.

Following the spine of small ridge, I knew it would take me to where, in the past, I had taken a young, probably 2 1/2-year-old buck and I would be not far from the spot I had jumped a deer earlier in the week. Instinct told me to take the pistol from my holster and hold it in my hand. I did.

What was that? I couldn't have scripted it any better... well, maybe I could have. Dead ahead, a deer was running directly at me. It didn't have a clue I was there. With style and slow motion grace, I raised my pistol with my right arm and positioned it in the palm of my left hand. Believe it or not, I instantly thought of the old Joe Perham story of the guy who raised his rifle to shoot a deer, turns to his hunting buddy and says, "This will be the biggest deer I ever shot."

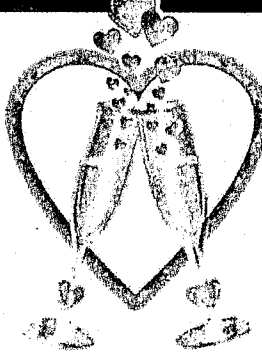
The deer continued on path. Two things needed to happen. The deer had continue toward me and I had to identify whether it had antlers. Neither happened. About the time I thought the deer was within range of my pistol and my shooting abilities, I believe the sniffer on that deer caught my scent (what wouldn't after 6 days in a hunting camp) and turned quickly about 60 degrees to its left. I followed along, gun still in the ready, as the deer disappeared between two ridges, while never once offering me a chance to see any horns.

As far as deer go, this was not the only deer I saw that week. Seeing deer at hunting camp this year breaks the cycle of not seeing any for about 5 or 6 years.

Being at camp continued a long tradition, one very difficult to ever let go of.

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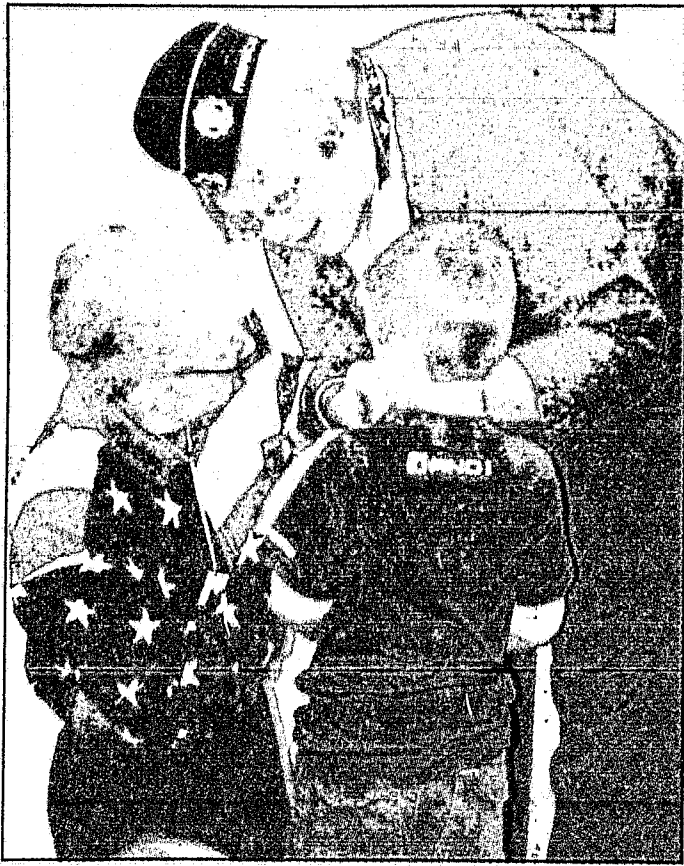
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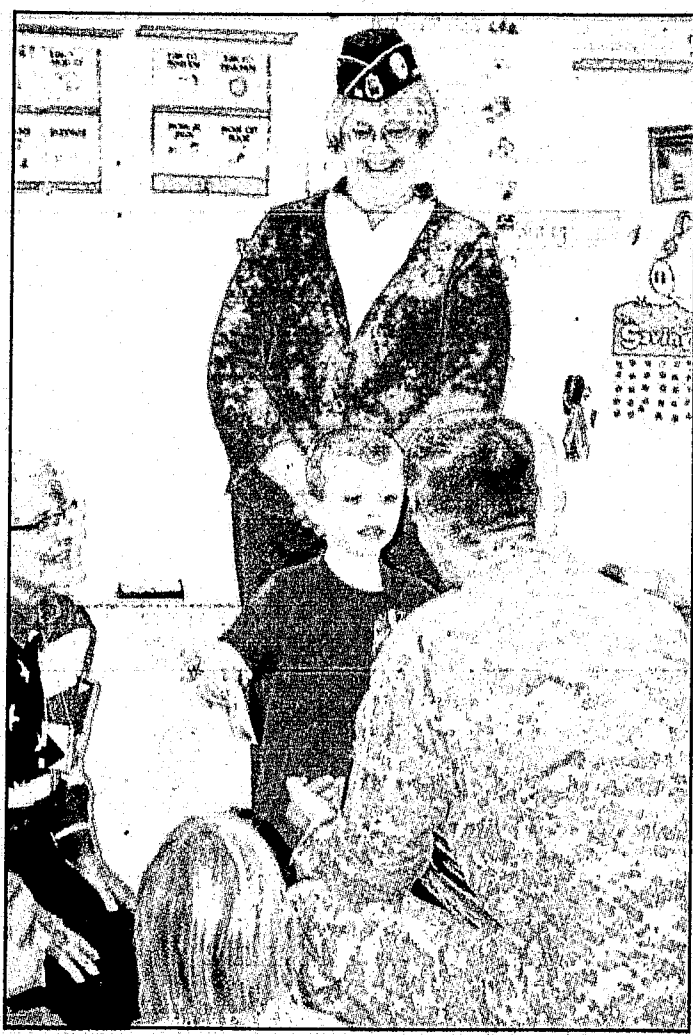
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Welcome home, Dad!



Kindergartener Landon Pfeffer got the surprise of his young life last Friday when his Army dad showed up unannounced at the Woodstock Elementary School. Cpl. Eric Pfeffer of Freeport, a medic, has been serving in Afghanistan and Europe for the past eight months. The Freeport Flag Ladies came to WES to talk about their work supporting the troops. At the end of their presentation they honored Landon for sharing his father for military service, and pinned a medal on him (top left). Next they told him to turn around to be recognized by his classmates - and there was his dad. Landon was momentarily stunned, then reached for his father, hugging him as his eyes watered. Cpl. Pfeffer picked his son up and pointed out the boy's grandmother, also from Freeport, and Landon waved to her. Also attending the surprise event were members of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post. WCSH6-TV covered the reunion.

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SAD 44 Elementary School Lunches Feb. 6 through Feb. 14

Thursday: Pizza or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, spinach salad, carrot slims, apple.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, mashed potato, stuffing, dinner roll, green beans, cranberry sauce, fresh fruit choice.

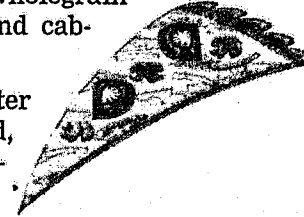
Monday: Pancakes with syrup and sliced ham or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, sweet potato puffs, cinnamon applesauce, fruit choice.

Tuesday: Spaghetti and meat sauce with wholegrain dinner roll or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, Caesar salad, diced pears, orange wedges.

Wednesday: Chicken fajita and cheese wrap or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, Tex-Mex beans/salsa, Mexican corn, peaches.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie with wholegrain dinner roll or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, green beans, carrot and cabbage slaw, fruit crisp.

Friday: Pizza or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, cheese stick, celery sticks, apple, ice cream cup.



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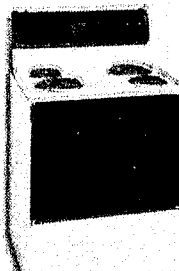
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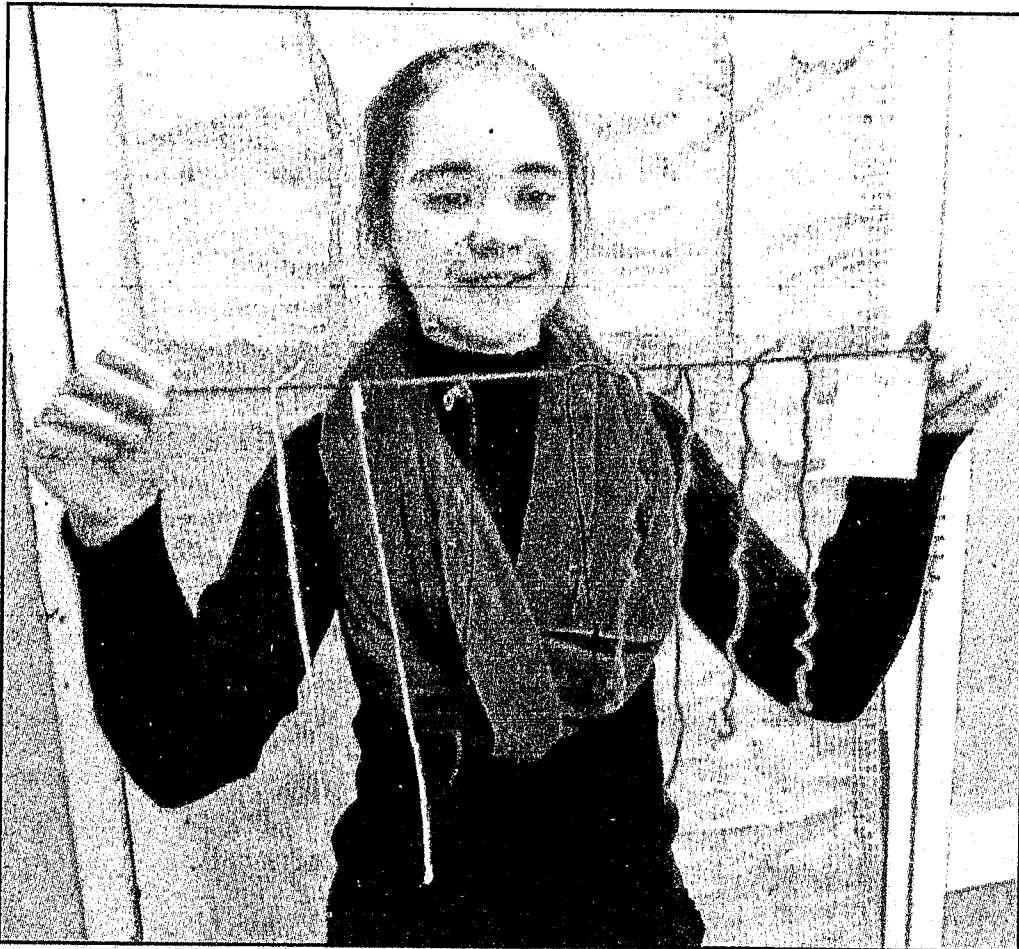
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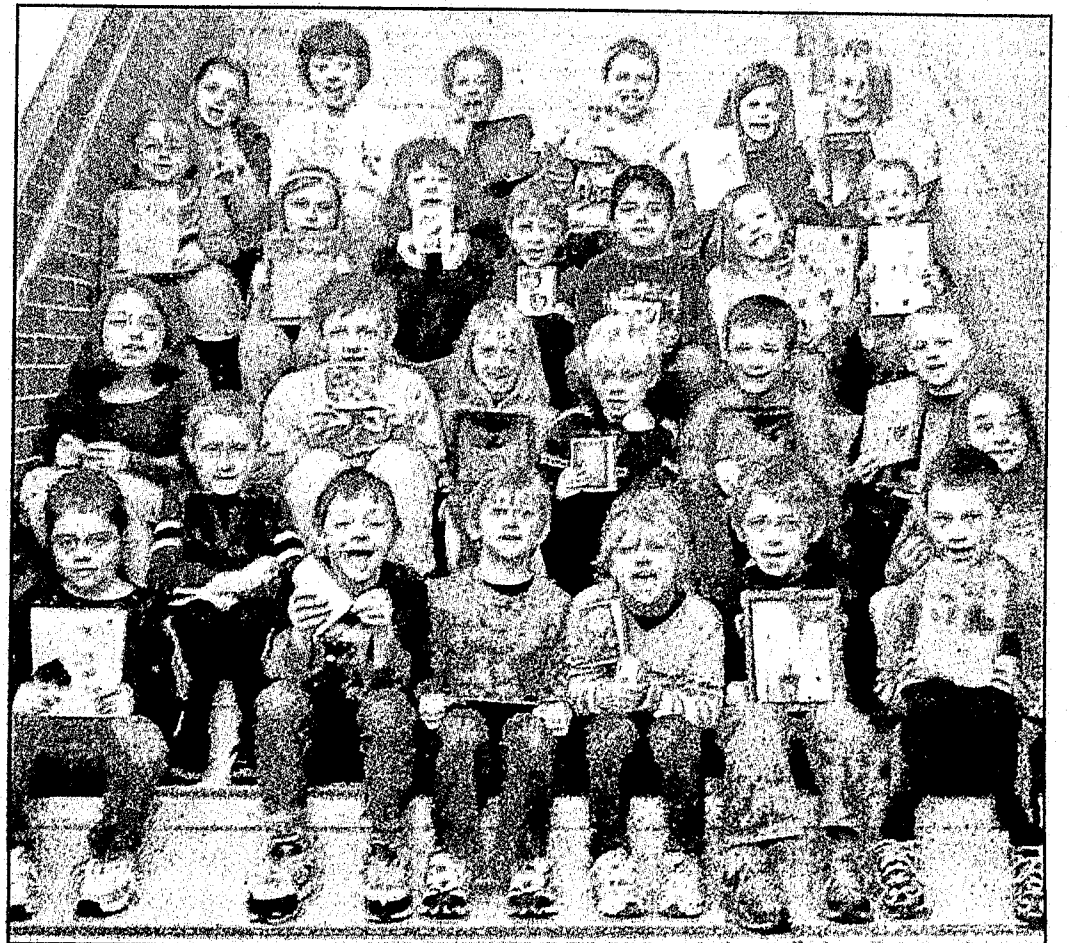
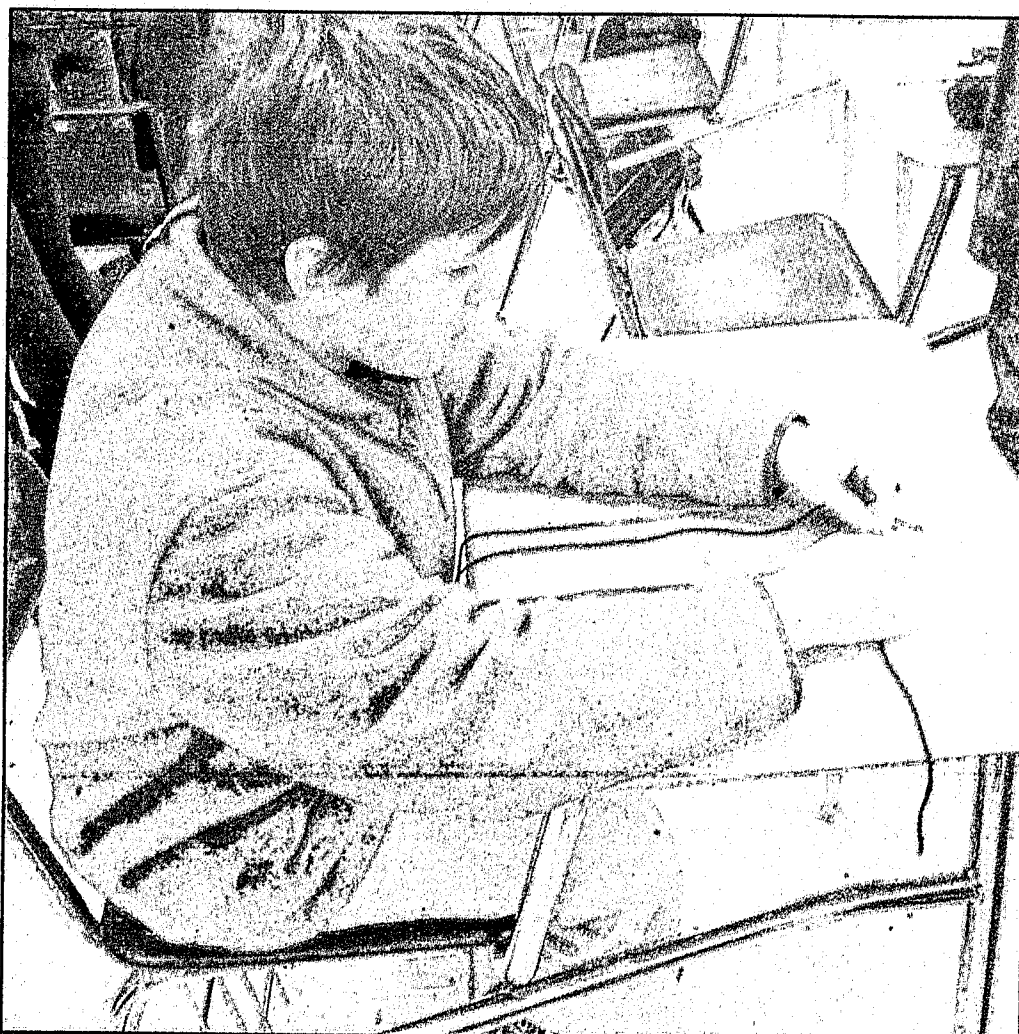
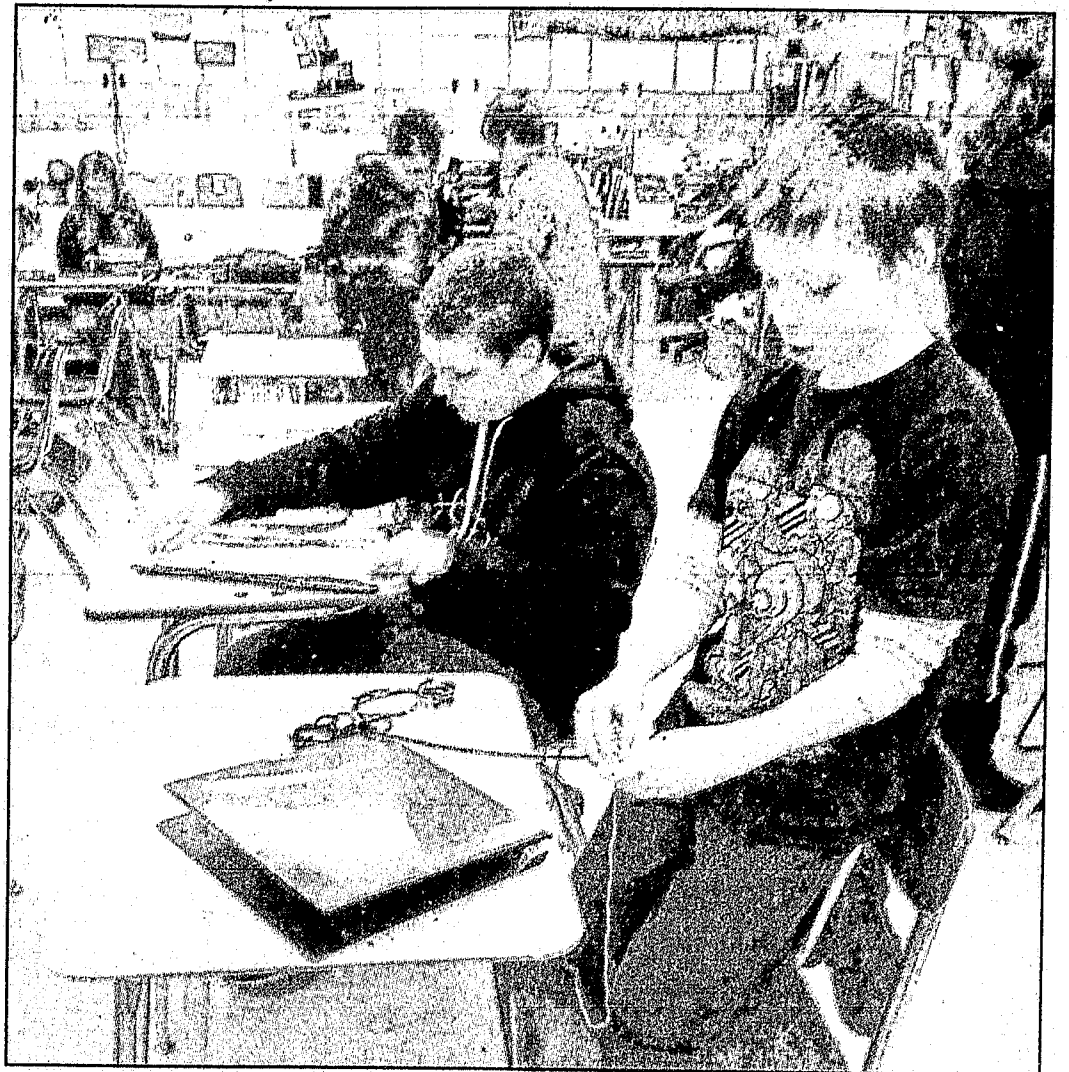
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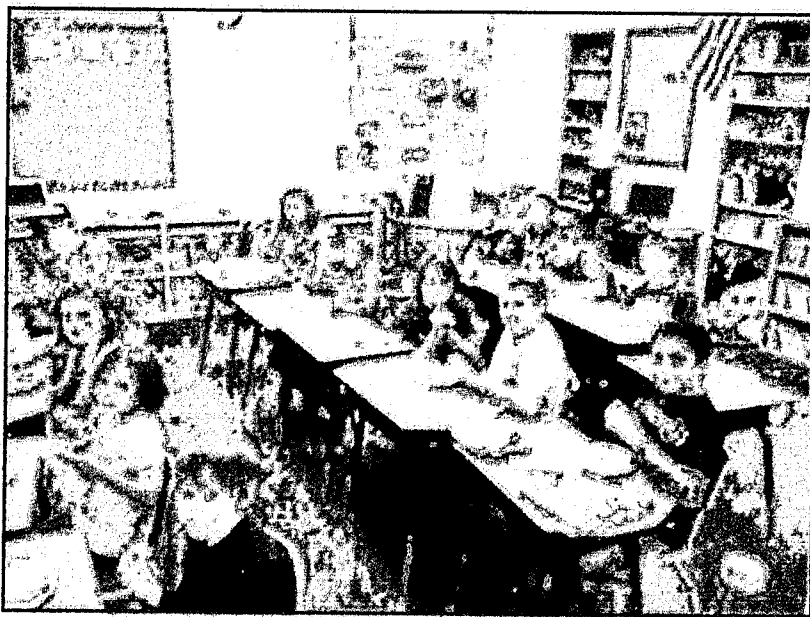
Around SAD 44



Students in Lori Davis' Social Studies class at Telstar Middle School have been learning about the Incas from South America (above, top right and below). They worked on making their own quipu, a system the Incas used to record information. The sixth-graders used it to record their date of birth. *Submitted photo*



Mrs. DeCarolus and Mrs. Wight classes at CPS were awarded a grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to purchase ipads and accessories for use in their classrooms. The children in these classrooms got together to show their appreciation by making "Thank You/Valentine" cards for the Kings. *Submitted photo*



Ms. Thurston's 4/5 class at the Andover Elementary School recently celebrated their halfway mark towards Good School Citizenship with a pizza treat. *Submitted photo*



Mrs. Danielson's kindergarten class at CPS recently enjoyed a tea party in the library after reading "Little Whistler's Dinner Party." *Submitted photo*



CPS fifth-graders Amabelle Klatsky and Hayli St. Laurent eye "lunar cookies."



Mario DeVivo, Utah Bean and Darrin LeClair sample lunar cookies.

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Senior College program on cholesterol today

Daniel E. van Buren, M.D., Director of Cardiovascular Medicine at the New England Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H., returns to Bethel during American Heart Month to present an important program to give people a better understanding of cholesterol.

His program takes place on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 52 Church Street, Bethel, with a snow date of Feb. 13, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Over the past two years, Dr. van Buren presented two programs in Bethel on heart disease, both of which were very well received.

Dr. van Buren said, "High cholesterol is a major risk factor for heart disease and a sign that the blood fats that can cause heart disease, stroke and other cardio-

vascular diseases are higher than they should be." In his talk, entitled "Fat Facts About Your Blood Chemistry and What You Can Do About It," he will discuss cholesterol, why it is impor-

tant and how it is measured, covering HDL vs. LDL, triglycerides, numbers to aim for and foods that may reduce these numbers. He will also discuss whether there is a known link be-

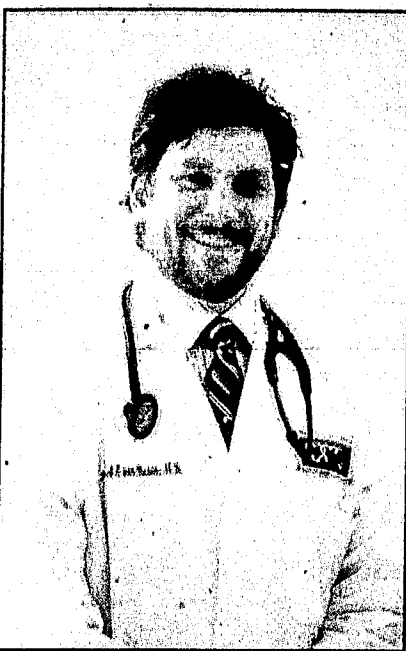
tween cholesterol and dementia. He will allow time for questions and will have handouts available.

Dr. van Buren is well qualified to address the topic of heart disease. He is board certified in internal medicine, a dual echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular disease. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He completed his

internal medicine and cardiology training in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now resides in Bethel.

This program is sponsored as a community service by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and SAD 44 Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments available.

Spring programs to be offered by To Your Health include the following: "Spring into Spring with Colorful Foods: A diet rich in colors will insure a wide variety of nutrients," on March 6; with speaker Cathi DiCocco, and "From Sneezes to Kegals, Issues with Urinary Gynecological Health" on April 3, with speaker, Cathy Heffernan, CNM. For more information, call Rosabelle Tiftt at 824-2053.



Daniel E. van Buren, M.D.
Submitted photo

Bethel Historical Society announces 2014 events

Each year, the Bethel Historical Society provides a full calendar of imaginative and high quality events for people of all ages. Although a few special 2014 programs are still in the planning stages, the Society is pleased to announce those that have been confirmed.

On March 29, in honor of Women's History Month, local historian and author Annette Vance Dorey will present an illustrated talk about the lives and careers of over 250 Maine women who had a passion for healing. These forgotten females were either Maine natives who traveled far and wide to study medicine or women from other states who chose to establish their medical practice in Maine. Following the program, she will sign copies of her book, "Miss Dr. Lucy and Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians, 1850s to 1920." The free event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Society's Dr. Moses Mason House.

In April (date and time to be announced), join us as we mark the 100th anniversary of Senator Edmund S. Muskie's birth with a program and book signing by Jim Witherell, author of a forthcoming biography of Edmund Sixtus "Ed" Muskie, an American politician from the nearby town of Rumford, Maine. Muskie served as Governor of Maine from 1955 to 1959, as a member of the United States Senate from 1959 to 1980, and as Secretary of State under Jimmy Carter from 1980 to 1981. A leading campaigner for new and stronger measures to curb pollution and provide a cleaner environment, Muskie spoke at the dedication of the Broad Street Historic District in Bethel in 1978.

As a lead up to our summer exhibit, Pam Weeks, a quilt historian, appraiser and teacher, as well as Curator of the New England Quilt Museum, will present a program at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, about Civil War soldiers' quilts. Only sixteen such quilts are known to exist, and Pam Weeks has studied most of them in person. During her talk, she will outline the origins of the U.S. Sanitary Commission at the beginning of the War; the roles women played on the home front and the battlefield; and feature the stories of 14 authentic Civil War soldiers' quilts. She will also reference the record book of the Ladies' Union Aid Society of Bethel (1861-1863), which is in the collection of the Maine Historical Society. Following her presentation, she will sign copies of her book, "Civil War Quilts," a 192-page hardcover volume containing over 170 photos. This lecture is made possible by the Society's "Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund."

On July 4, the ever-popular Fourth of July Community Picnic and Concert will take place on the side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street), beginning at 11:30 a.m. Following the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, the program will continue with a free two-hour concert by the Portland Brass Quintet. Dr. Mason began this Fourth of July tradition in the 1850s and the Bethel Historical Society proudly carries it on today. In case of rain, the picnic and concert will be held in the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse (1816) on Intervale Road, approximately four miles downriver from Bethel Hill village.

From July 5 through Aug. 30, a temporary exhibition, "Stitched Together in Time and Place: Valentine Family Quilts," will be on view at the Dr. Moses Mason House. Held in conjunction with the opening of the "Mary E. Valentine Collec-

tions Wing" at the Society's Robinson House, this colorful display features a variety of quilts dating from the 1860s to the 1970s that were once owned or made by members of the Valentine family of Bethel. During the exhibit run, selected portions of the documentary film "Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics" will be shown (acquisition of this film has been made possible by the Society's Florence Bickford Hastings Traditional Crafts Fund). Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 5 and 6 only; thereafter, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

On Sept. 11, a 6:30 p.m. potluck supper will precede the Society's Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m., during which officers and trustees for 2013-2014 will be elected. Following the meeting, Dean B. Bennett, UMF Professor Emeritus, author, illustrator, and national award winning environmental activist, will present a program entitled "In Banjo Time: History and Music of the 4-String Roaring Twenties Banjo."

On Saturday, Sept. 20, during the Bethel Chamber of Commerce's Harvestfest on the nearby common, the Society will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with an illustrated program by David Govatski, a forester and environmental consultant from Jefferson, N.H., who worked for the U.S. Forest Service for more than 30 years. During his presentation, Govatski will focus on Wilderness areas in the nearby White Mountain National Forest, including the 14,000-acre Caribou-Speckled Mountain Wilderness, which lies entirely in Maine. Co-author with Christopher Johnson of "Forests for the People: The Story of America's Eastern National Forests" (2013), he serves on the board of directors of WhiteMountainHistory.org and is the Secretary of the Weeks Act Centennial Coordinating Committee. Plans for a hike up Speckled Mountain (limited to 10, including the leader) and a special Evans Notch "drive through," with stops at historic sites, are being tentatively planned for Sunday, Sept. 21. The Saturday program will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House.

On Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m., Dr. William B. Krohn, Emeritus Professor of Wildlife Ecology, returns to BHS to talk about the adventures and accomplishments of Daniel E. Heywood (1869-1911), who was born and raised on a farm on the southwest shore of Umbagog Lake near the Maine/New Hampshire border. While a young boy, Heywood developed a deep appreciation of wildlife; at the same time, he quickly became an accomplished hunter, providing the Harvard ornithologist William Brewster with many rare specimens. As a woodsman who needed to make a living in the wilds, Heywood was a professional guide, hunter, and trapper. And, as a conservationist who understood the need to preserve Nature, he was a naturalist, writer, and wildlife photographer.

Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3:30 to 6 p.m., the Society will once again open the period rooms in the 1813 Mason House during its annual Christmas program. Visitors will be able to enjoy music and refreshments as they wander through the first floor rooms, which will be decorated in traditional mid-nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles!

For additional information and updates about upcoming events at Bethel Historical Society, visit the organization's website at www.bethelhistorical.org.

Telstar Middle/High School Honor Roll

The following students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second quarter:

Grade 6

High Honors: Ella Blair, Isabel Chase, Ashley Childs, Miranda Colby, Lillian Drew, Emily Fraser, Max Godomsky, Perry Morton, Caroline Newell, Cameron Simard

Honors: Chaia Alford, Carson Bailey, Aneah Bartlett, Ainsley Brown, Brooke Carson, Angela Cintron, Brooke Clarey, Devin Cole-Mason, Nyia Dixon, Alyssa Gagnon, Katherine Haley, Abigail

Landry, Cayley Marriott, Trey Meader, Lauren Merrill, Krysten Morse, Calla Orino, Carter Richmond, Lucinda Rothwell, Wyatt Williamson

Grade 7

High Honors: Lilo Bean, Lavinia Clarke, Victoria Hamel, Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington, Bethany Laird, Brooke Richardson, Sadie Richardson, Koley True

Honors: Payton Abbott, Julia Cherkis, Victoria Crockett-Harrington, Elizabeth McLeod, Georgia Plawlock, Morgan Prentice, Reese Rosenberg,

Mia Shriffrin, Sarahanne Wright

Grade 8

Honors: Jarrett Bean, Gaelan Boyle-Wight, Erin Childs, Aliah Connolly, Sonja Farrington, Caroline Finley, Duncan Forbes, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Taylor Mason, Jordan Mitchell, Marta Opie, Dylan Richmond, Ana Rossow, Blake Rothwell, Tiffany Waterhouse

Grade 9

High Honors: Kristi Hanscom
Honors: Joshua Eliot, Eli-

jah Laird, India Orino, Sierra Ryerson, Kellen True

Grade 10

Honors: Rebecca Howard, Cassidy Smith, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette

Grade 11

Honors: Liam Gallagher, Crystelle Head, Tyra Howes, Jordan Kulig, Rebecca Lynn Tuttle, Travis Wheeler, Zachary Wheeler

Grade 12

Honors: MacKenzie Blake, Alyssa Brands, Allison Kelley, Autumn Morin, Alexandra Risko, Jose Ruiz Artigues

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Sports

High School Varsity Boys' Basketball

Mt. Abram 41, Telstar 40; Jan. 28 – Telstar high scorers were Mike Dougherty, 14 points and Austin Ryerson, 11 points. – *Coach Mark Thurlow*

Dirigo 77, Telstar 37; Jan. 31 – Telstar top scorers were Mike Dougherty, 16 points and Austin Ryerson with 13 points. – *Coach Mark Thurlow*

Carabec 53, Telstar 49; Feb. 3 – Telstar leading scorers were Austin Ryerson and Mike Dougherty with 13 points each. – *Coach Mark Thurlow*

High School JV Boys' Basketball

Telstar 42, Mt. Abram 33; Jan. 28 – A shorthanded Rebels squad traveled to Mt. Abram to take on the Roadrunners. With only five eligible players Telstar came out firing jumping out to a 25-15 lead at the half. The game tightened up in the second half; Mt. Abram cut the lead to one to end the third quarter. The Rebels stood strong, holding Mt. Abram to only 7 fourth quarter points. Jeremiah Richardson poured in 18 points, Avry Griffin had 15 points. – *Coach Ryan Kimball*

Dirigo 31, Telstar 59; Jan. 31 – The JV boys ended their season in Bethel with a tough loss to Dirigo. Telstar led 10-6 at the end of the first quarter but was stifled by the Dirigo defense from then on. Jeremiah Richardson and Avry Griffin had 10 points apiece, Josh Crosby had 8 points including two three pointers. The JV Rebels finished the season with a record of 4 wins and 9 losses. Thanks to all the boys for their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the year. – *Coach Ryan Kimball*

High School Nordic Skiing

Oxford Hills Sprints Event; Feb. 1 – The Telstar HS Nordic team participated in the Oxford Hills Sprints at Sunny Croft Farm. They all went into the time trial. The top 48 skiers then went on to compete in elimination rounds. In the girls' time trial Gabi Stone came in 36th with a time of 3:11 and Kaitlyn Brown came in 39th with a time of 3:15. In the boys' time trial Greg Wheeler came in 33rd with a time of 2:35, Liam Gallagher came in 42nd with a time of 2:44 and Kellen True came in 52nd with a time of 2:53. Gabi, Kaitlyn, Greg and Liam went onto to make it through the next round of sprints. Kellen competed in the 3k race and came in 25th with a time of 11:38. This was a great spectator event with good skiing, blue skies and warm temperatures. – *Coach Sarah Southam*

Middle School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 25, Telstar 15; Jan. 27 – Telstar scorers: Kylee Martin 7, Brooke Carson 4, Caroline Finley 2, Hannah Evans 1, Brooke Richardson 1. – *Coach David Berry*

Middle School Girls' JV Basketball

Telstar 20, Dirigo 11; Jan. 27 – Telstar scorers: Nicole Berry 6, Madison Roberts 4, Calla Orino 4, Luci Rothwell 2, Aneah Bartlett 2, Caroline Newell 2. – *Coach David Berry*

Buckfield 29, Telstar 27; Jan. 30 – Telstar scorers: Brooke Carson 10, Nicole Berry 5, Luci Rothwell 5, Ane-

ah Bartlett 5, Caroline Newell 2. Down by 7 at the end of 3 quarters, the Rebels came back and had two good chances to tie the score with less than 10 seconds left, but could not get either shot to fall. Great comeback. – *Coach David Berry*

Mountain Valley Rec. Basketball

In a battle of the top two teams, Ranor Mechanical soundly defeated Laid Back Installers 88-55 to take the top spot in the MVRBL. Ranor (6-0) used a stellar defense to limit a high scoring LBI (6-1), who was missing Eric Canwell, to almost half of their normal game output. Center Shawn Spadea scored 29 points to pace the victors. Scot New added 22 points; Craig Milledge had 12 and Chris Willer, 10 points. LBI was led by Owen Jones with 19 points and Chris Baxter with 16 points.

Bethel (2-4) got back to winning ways doubling up Neptune G.C. (0-6) 85-43. Bethel got solid performances from Dom Haines (22 points), Wade Osgood (21 points) and Ryan Kimball (19 points). Neptune got 10 points each from Mike Leclerc and Wes Mason. Archie's (4-2) defeated Tommy Guns (2-3) in a shorted game that was called due to game decorum. In a closely fought and competitive contest, Archie's was leading 49-43 in the middle of the second half, when officials decided to end the game. Both teams should be able to compete well with the top teams in the league throughout the rest of the year, as each had improved their game. Please visit the league and check out happening at www.mvrbl.webs.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilead, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

Thursday, Feb. 6

"Fat Facts About Your Blood Chemistry – and What You Can Do About It"; 4:30 to 6 p.m., W.P. Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Program on understanding cholesterol will be presented by Dr. Daniel E. van Buren, Director of Cardiovascular Medicine of the N.E. Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Free admission. Public invited. Light refreshments. FMI: R. Tiffitt at 824-2053. (Snow Date Feb. 13).

Winthrop Grange 315 Annual Meeting; Shelburne, N.H. Meeting has changed. FMI: Mary (603-466-7530).

Friday, Feb. 7

Main Street Gallery First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., 426 Main Street, Norway. Featuring the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's artist of the month, Cynthia R. Burmeister. Visitors will receive 10 percent discounts on selected works. FMI: www.westernmaineart-group.org.

Snow Shoe Stories; 5 to 8 p.m., CEBE Gallery, 447 Main Street, Norway. An exhibit of locally made and owned snowshoes interwoven with images from the snowshoe industries and presentation about local crafts-men and industries.

Fawn & Noel's Music for Hope; 6 to 8 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations welcome.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old-fashioned dance music. \$5/adults.

Emarantos Quartet; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. From classical to contemporary, baroque to tango, this chamber group's out of the box approach is sure to leave you inspired and wanting more. You do not have to be a lover of classical music to enjoy this performance. Tickets: fryeburgacademy.org/tickets, (207) 935-9232 or at the door one hour before the performance. \$18/adults, \$15/seniors, \$5/students.

Chamber Music Concert; 7:30 to 9 p.m., Hebron Academy's LePage Center for the Arts, 339 Paris Road/Route 119, Hebron. Free and open to the public. FMI: Liza Tarr (966-5266 or ltarr@hebronacademy.org) or www.hebronacademy.org.

Saturday, Feb. 8

OHCHS Project Graduation Annual Chinese Auction; Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Doors open at 11 a.m., auction begins at 1 p.m. Several hundred items and gift certificates to be won as well as \$1 raffle items and a 50/50 raffle. FMI/donations: Nancy (674-3060).

4th Annual Seed Saving Conference; 12 to 6 p.m., University of Maine, Farmington, Robert's Learning Center. The 2014 conference will focus on growing plants to save seed. Classes will include soil nutrition, isolation, insect control, seed-borne diseases, basic seed saving and advanced seed saving. Speakers to include Jim Gerritsen, Roberta Bailey, Amy LeBlanc, Bruce Hoskins and Will Bonsall. This event is sponsored by Farmington Seed Savers Group. A \$5 donation is suggested to help with funding. (Snow date, Feb. 15). FMI: 831-9384.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Open to the public. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.net).

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5, Andover. All members and interested persons are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting/Program; Town Office Complex. Following the 6 p.m. meeting, there will be a presentation on the life of Ezra Stephens, "Oxford County's Barnum." Stephens, a pioneer in the early days of the circus business, was also a Bryant Pond shopkeeper whose store was well known throughout the state for its curious and varied collection of items. The public is welcome to attend. FMI: 875-3800.

The Peachaters; 7 p.m., the Foggy Goggle. Music ranging from the Allman Brothers Band, the Black Crowes, the Grateful Dead, the Doors, Neil Young and more.

Sunday, Feb. 9

39th Annual Hope Association Ride-In; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Horizons Unlimited, 319 Swain Road, Rumford. Prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. Raffles available for cash prizes, gift certificates and more, \$1 for one and \$5 for six. Hot buffet dinner. Donations welcome. FMI: 364-4561 or www.hopeassociation.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Facebook Ads Workshop; 8 to 9 a.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street. Krack Media owner Eric Lamers will present information on Facebook ads – how they work, what they cost, how to create and optimize the ads, and how to measure the results. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. FMI/registration: SCORE 9743-0499, Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce (743-2281) or register at <http://conta.cc/1lmcYp5>.

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: A resource panel for technical assistance, financing and more. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Energy Medicine for your health: An Introduction to Polarity Therapy; 6:30 to 8 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel (behind the Key Bank). Presenter: Emily Ecker, LCSW, Polarity Therapist. Cost: \$10. Polarity Therapy, developed in the 1950s, is an energy body work modality that works on all levels of our being to restore balance and wholeness. "Energy medicine" is now being studied and utilized in Western medicine and is beginning to transform how we view and empower our health. FMI/Registration: Emily (207-357-9954).

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar). Reservations must be made before Feb. 1. Price of luncheon is \$10. FMI/Reservations: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Friday, Feb. 14

Guided Snowshoe Walk; 10 a.m. Shephard's Farm Family Preserve, Crockett Ridge Road, Norway.

Annual Valentine's Day Tea; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 364-8703.

Sweetheart Hike; 4 p.m., Bald Pate parking area. A moderately strenuous sunset/moonrise hike. Snowshoes, traction devices, headlamp, proper winter clothing and boots required. Water and snacks recommended. FMI: 647-4352 or jon@lelt.org.

Family Valentine Dance; 6 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Valentines Contra-Dance with the Don Roy Trio; 7 to 9 p.m., Norway Grange Hall, Whitman Street. Contra dance is a great form of social exercise. There will be a caller so you don't need to know how to contra dance to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Great Maine Outdoor Weekend Snowshoe Walk; 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Western Maine Senior College invite all in the area to a guided snowshoe walk at Flint Farm in Albany, led by Dr. Rick Churchill, a horticulture consultant with many years of college teaching, outdoor adventure travel and consulting. Snowshoes, poles, water, snacks and appropriate clothing recommended. Difficulty will be based on the energy and ability of those attending. Directions: Vernon Street out of Bethel; turn left on Hunt's Corner Road, just before Grange Hall and Church, turn right onto Picnic Hill Road. Farm is one mile on the right at 197 Picnic Hill Road. FMI: 207-824-3806.

Chairlift Speed Dating; Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Registration: 12:30 p.m. in the main base lodge. Event: 2 to 4 p.m. followed by an après ski event in Lost-Bo Pub with contests, prizes and music from Jon Sarty. FMI: www.blackmt.com.

"One Today" Trail Dedication; Presidential inaugural poet and author Richard Blanco will have a ski trail dedicated in his honor at Mt. Abram Ski Area. The trail will be named "One Today" after Blanco's poem for President Obama's inauguration. Those wishing to view the 3 p.m. ribbon cutting will meet at the bottom of the "Way Back Machine" chairlift at 2:30 p.m. Following the inaugural run down the slope, Richard will be available to sign his latest book in the lodge. Copies will be available for purchase. The celebration will continue with DJ Deepshine in the Loose Boots Lounge at 7 p.m.

Full Moon Hike; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old-fashioned dance music. \$5/adults.

AudioBody; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. The Tardy Brothers are back, this time as AudioBody, complete with an arsenal of audio-visual inventions. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Windtower Ride; Meet at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover for 9 a.m. departure. \$10 per rider; club members \$8 (includes a meal). FMI: 392-1921.

Down East Country Music Association Valentine's Show and Dance; the Silver Spur, Route 121, Mechanic Falls. Doors open at 11 a.m. for a 12 p.m. show. Admission: \$6/non-members, \$5/members and seniors. Entertainment provided by the Tennessee Bound Competitors. Raffles, 50/50 drawing and food concessions. FMI: Jackie (739-8884) or Lolalee (674-3104).

Maine-iac Mountaineers; 2 p.m., Greenwood Town Office, Gore Road. Free and open to the public.

Torchlight Parade; 6 p.m., Mt. Abram. Annual torchlight parade and all you can eat spaghetti dinner buffet.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus will be on hand to answer questions and concerns. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Mahoosuc Land Trust Book Club; 7 p.m., Land Trust office. The book for February is "Grizzly Years," by Doug Peacock. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 824-3806.

Feb. 21 and 22

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old-fashioned dance music. \$5/adults.

"Guys and Dolls" by the Hebron Academy Players; 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), Lepage Center for the Arts, Hebron Academy. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Feb. 21

Seed Swap/Seed Saving Workshop; 6 to 8 p.m., Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Steve and Cindy Simmons Benefit; Andover Town Hall. Auction: 1 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner provided by the Good Food Store: 5 to 6 p.m. Live entertainment with the Teacher's Lounge Mafia Improv and Pete Coolidge and Friends: 7 p.m. FMI: Stephanie (364-8388) or Dick and Carolyn (392-3481).

Sunday, Feb. 23

State Line Snowmobile Club Lake Umbagog Fishing Derby; Sign up 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Gary and Roxanne's ice shack, straight off the boat launch on the point at Sargent Cove. \$20 fee covers entry, raffle, and cook-out pass. Fish registration: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish in each category. Ice Auger Contest: 3 p.m. \$10 entry. Winner takes home a prize and payout. Please pre-register.

Monday, Feb. 24

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://maoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Feb. 25, March 4, 11 and 18

Wilderness First Aid-SOLO Course; Telstar High School. Cost: \$160, materials included. Instructor: Calvin Vaillencourt. FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or www.sad44.maineadulted.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Bonifontes Czech Boys Choir; 7 p.m., Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Tickets: \$15/adults, students/free. FMI/tickets: www.mahoosucarts.org or 890-6386.

March 8 and 9

Winter Kids Downhill 24; The Downhill 24 benefits Winter Kids. Teams compete to see how can ski the most laps in 24 hours. There is live music, Zumba and other events during the 24 hour event. Last year over \$42,000 was raised. FMI/registration: www.winterkids.org.

Sunday, March 30

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “CO” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

COP

COW

4 Letters

COLT

COPY

5 Letters

ACORN

COCOA

CORNY

6 Letters

ALCOVE

BRONCO

COLONY

MEXICO

7 Letters

COMPASS

CONTEST

COOKIES

RACCOON

SCOOTER

TOPCOAT

8 Letters

SCORPION

SCOTLAND

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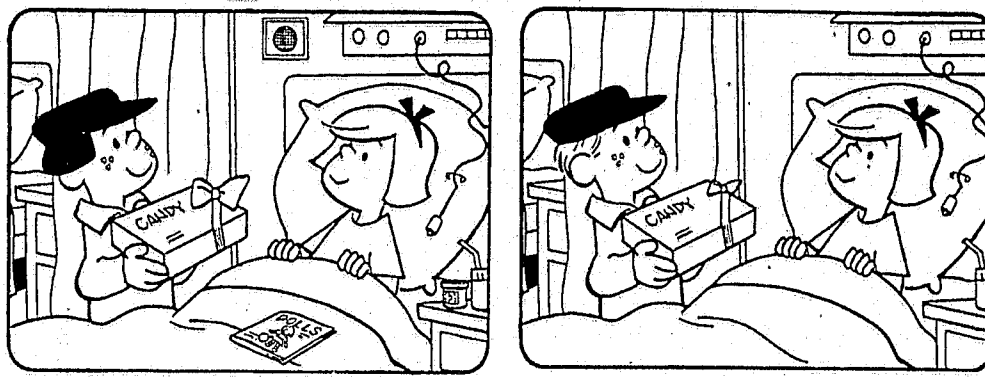
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Earlap is missing. 2. Bow is smaller. 3. Loudspeaker is missing.
4. Book is missing. 5. Push button cord is shorter. 6. Jar is missing.

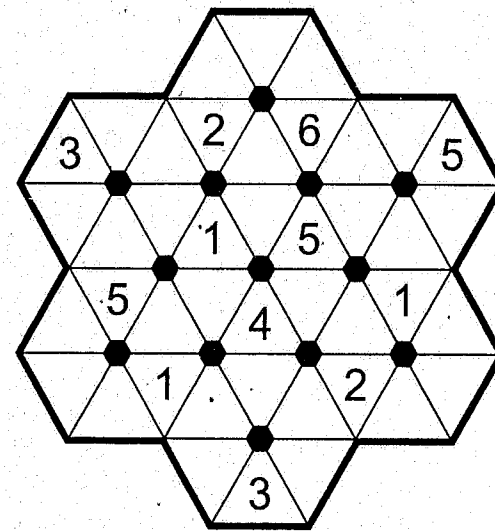
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Process

MOTHE

Blend

LEMING

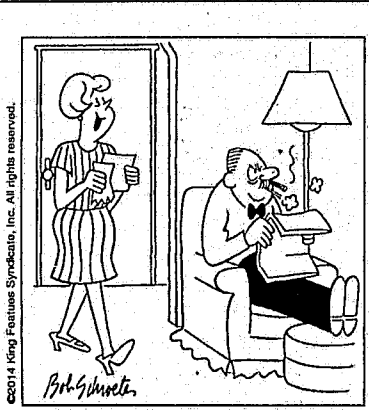
Duo

CUPELO

Dainty

RENTED

TODAY'S WORD



"You got this from the Baxters—it's a 'Thank you for not to their party' card."

Super Crossword

IN REVERSE

- ACROSS

1 Harass

7 In the lead

12 Fill by force

16 —no replay

19 Think creatively

20 Has — up one's sleeve

21 — fire under (urged to action)

22 Zero-star review

23 Private retreat for San Francisco NFLers?

25 Behaves in the manner of

27 Skater Midori —

28 Suffix with musket

29 Bring pain to

30 Openings

31 Nick's wife in "The Thin Man"

33 Word coined to describe an unnamed Hulk Hogan maneuver?

36 Clutches

38 Handles, as a matter
- 39 Wish for

40 Backyard party, briefly

43 Hits, as a fly

46 Little bite

47 Drag-racing track?

53 Month after Mar.

54 Olympic sleds

56 Berliner's "Alas!"

57 Rug cleaner

59 "King Lear" daughter

61 Billies and nannies

64 Papa's ma

65 Take way too much

69 Caustic compounds produced during prenatal exams?

73 Softening the undercuts, polishing the nails, etc.?

75 Shipbuilding material

76 Address for a woman

78 Sign after Pisces

79 "Pan Am" actress Garner
- 80 Soloist's supporter

84 Just-OK grade

85 Fatty substance

88 Number after uno

90 Parties for future wives of rajahs?

93 Suffix with benz-

94 — saying goes ...

96 1980s-'90s legal drama

97 Belief in one god

104 Multiplied by

108 Studiers of living things in a 1964 Hitchcock film?

113 Kansas city east of Wichita

114 Nucleus orbiters

115 Grow rancid

116 Boozing type

118 Audiocassettes' successors

119 Making calm
- 120 Cubbyholes of a certain shape?

123 Distinctive period

124 Big name in waffles

125 Bizarre

126 "Relax!" order

127 Approx. fig.

128 Radish, e.g.

129 Thomas Jefferson, religionwise

130 Henhouses
- 18 Dances set to ragtime

24 Departure's opp.

26 Hearth items

30 "Do You Want to — Secret"

32 Truncated form of a wd.

34 Suffix like -ish

35 TGIF's "I"

37 — Paulo

41 Some sodas

42 Gift topper

44 Chef's cover

45 — Fountain

47 Keep vexing

48 "In peace"

49 More — few

50 Rip up

51 Hiccups, e.g.

52 Poet's dusk

54 Insect stage

55 Anesthetized

58 Marriott rival

60 "Imagine!"

62 "Rikki- — Tavi"

63 Strewed

66 Standing by

67 — clear of

68 Test track turns

70 WWW giant

71 Winter woes

72 Dodo

74 "That's right"

77 Put on TV
- 81 Pulls on cow udders

82 Clear — bell

83 Ducks' org.

85 "I'd like to have a look"

86 Respirators

87 Eyed closely

89 Drives away, as a fly

91 Feedbox bit

92 Intl. 1940s conflict

94 Explorer Vespucci

95 Blowup in a copy ctr.

98 Old Peru resident

99 Kid watcher

101 Twisting force

102 Relative of a guinea pig

103 Hindu lutes

105 Latte varieties

106 Born first

107 Gives cheek drum

110 Gold brick

111 Mao — lung

112 Whale finder

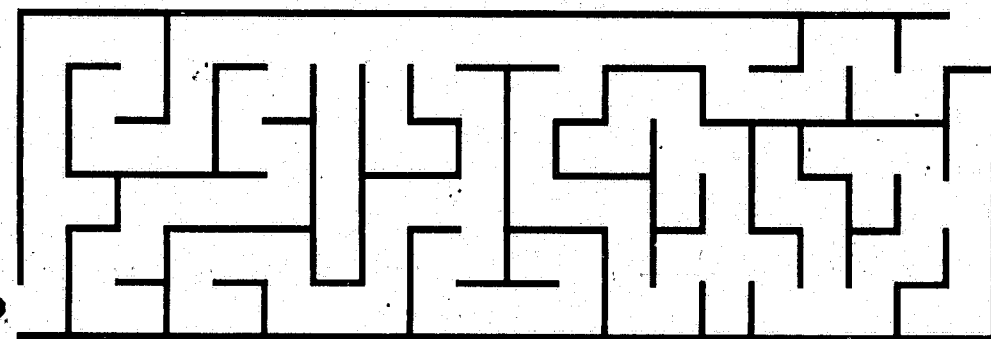
117 Puente of mambo

120 Put turf on

121 On Soc.

122 Co. VIP

Kids' Maze

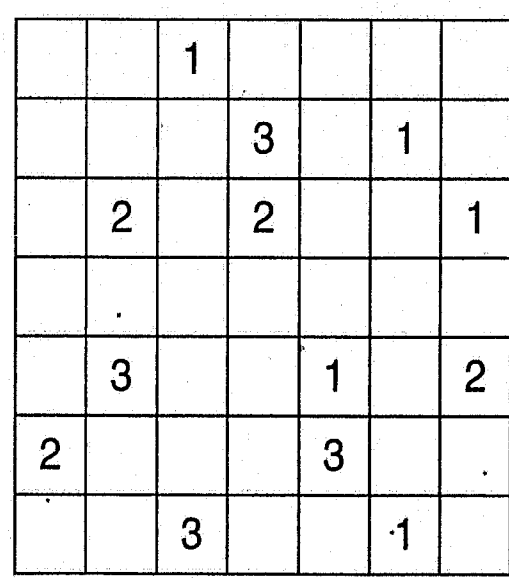


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZAI

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Kids' Maze Solution

COMING

Today's Word:

3. Couple; 4. Tender

1. Method; 2. Mingle;

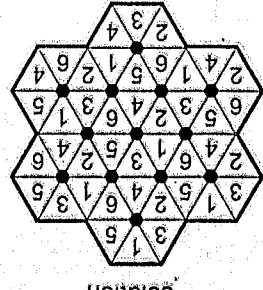
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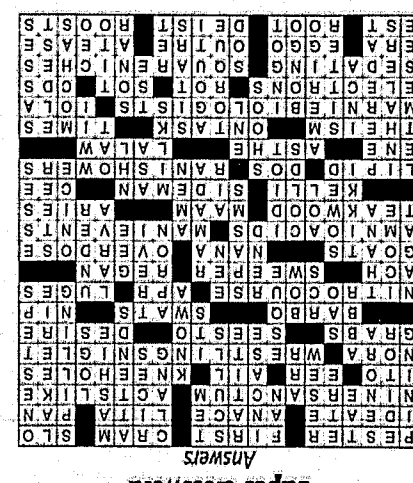
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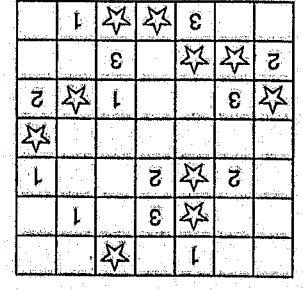
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Super Crossword



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ANSWERS:

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Prime Time Ski Club news

This past week was a busy one for Prime Time Ski Club members who participated in Go50 Week activities sponsored by Sunday River ski area. During the entire ski season, Prime Time Ski Club members meet every weekday at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right-hand side). After a brief time for announcements, members (who are 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. However, this week's Monday meeting was made extra special by a seemingly endless supply of free cinnamon buns, provided by Sunday River management. Several of our members skied with visitors and

prospective members who showed up at North Peak throughout the week, sharing their knowledge of the mountain and the surrounding area and making new friends.

Another highlight of Go50 Week was tours of the Snowflake Factory, the mountain's snowmaking facilities near Barker Lodge. A number of curious Prime Time members toured the snowmaking facility to find out how Sunday River can continually produce such great ski conditions with so little help from Mother Nature, as has been the case so far this year. Sunday River has earned its reputation of "the most dependable snow in New England" by spending approximately \$2.5 million every year to

make more snow, more often than any other resort.

Basically snowmaking consists of pulling water from a source, pumping it onto the mountain and forcing it through a nozzle by pressurized air. From there the water droplets freeze into snow crystals and settle to the ground. A key to Sunday River's successful snowmaking effort is its location near the bottom of a huge watershed with nearly 43 square miles of drainage. Water is pulled directly from the Sunday River and is constantly replenished. Once the snow melts in the spring, water returns to the same watershed and river.

Sunday River also operates the world's largest high-pressure snowmaking system and can compress about 54,000 cu-

bic feet of air each minute. The high volume and pressurized system allows Sunday River to make more snow than any other resort and allows snowmakers to control the process to ensure consistent snow texture from top to the bottom of each trail. This air capacity allows Sunday River to run more than 300 guns at the same time and enables it to cover 95 percent of the mountain's non-gladed terrain with snow.

Sunday River's snowmaking arsenal includes over 1,900 snow guns and 30 miles of hose, enough to leave guns set up all winter long on each trail. There are 72 miles of snowmaking pipes that span all eight mountain peaks. Over the past several years Sunday River has also invest-

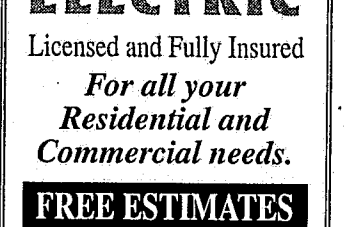
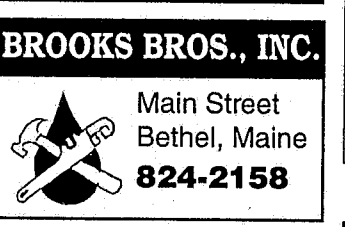
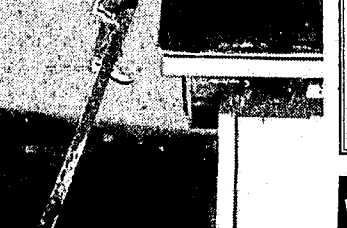
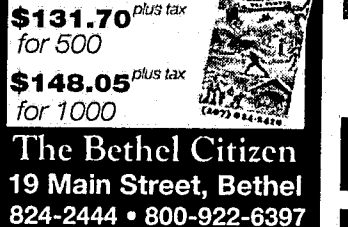
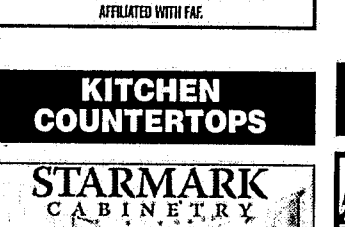
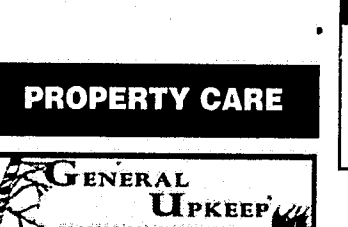
ed in tower mounts which position snow guns high above trails to allow snow crystals more time to freeze in the air before settling down on trails and enables each gun to cover a greater surface area of the trails. Sunday River has also invested in new energy-efficient gun heads which are able to make more snow using less energy and allow snowmakers to run more snow guns at one time. Sunday River was also the first to utilize computers to control snow quality.

Three years ago a production company asked Sunday River to participate in a pilot for a television show called "Man vs. Weather." They wanted to showcase the best snowmakers in America, the dedication involved and the

raw weather they face. You can find a video about this at www.vimeo.com/80830216. In the video one of the snowmakers commented, "We work all night long to make the skiers happy." Prime Time members are among those happy skiers and thank the hardworking snowmakers for giving us the most open terrain in Maine and New Hampshire.

If you want to experience Sunday River's legendary snow for yourself, why not join us. The Prime Time Ski Club motto is "No one needs to ski alone." Check out our website at www.primetimeskiclub.com or just show up at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. weekdays and ski a few runs with us and make some new friends.

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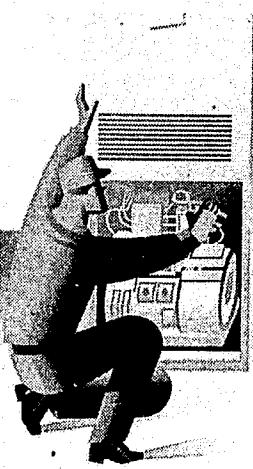
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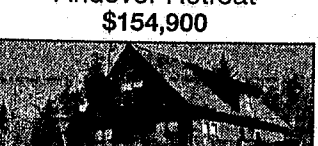
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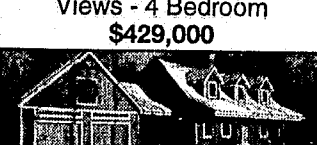
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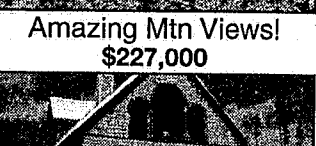
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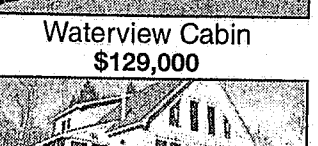
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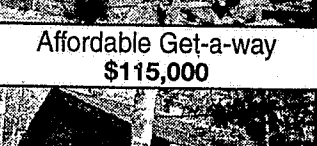
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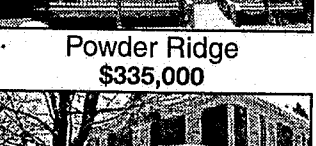
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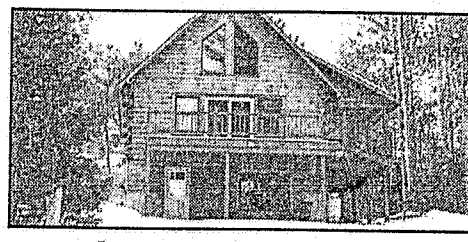
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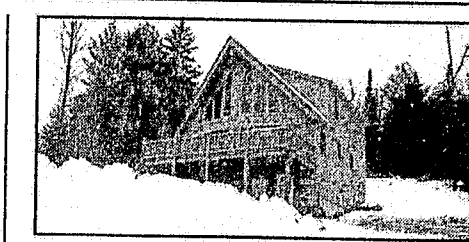
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Obituaries

MARY BROWN

Mary Brown, aged 86 years, died at Country Village in Lancaster, N.H., on Jan. 16, 2014, following several years of declining health. Born on May 11, 1927, she was the daughter of Ronald and Dorothy Perham. She had a happy childhood in Groveton, N.H., even through the Depression years, making many life-long friends. Just before her senior year, her family moved to Lisbon, N.H., where she lived for nearly 60 years.

During her adult life Mary worked as a bookkeeper in Lisbon's PSNH office. She raised her daughter Andrea, taught Sunday School, helped with Girl Scouts, sewed, knitted and developed her many talents of piano playing, writing, drawing and painting. Parties, celebrations, and entertaining were some of her favorite activities.

In the early 1960s, she met John Brown III, a teacher in Lisbon, and they were married in 1964. During their 48 years together, they golfed, fished, listened to music, went to movies, cooked wonderful meals, participated in productions of the Upstage Players, and spent as much time as they could at their Maine camp, which became a gathering place for neighbors, friends, and a growing family.

As they aged, the Browns moved to Lancaster, N.H., to be closer to Andrea and her husband David, who wanted to participate in their care. As Mary and

John required more assistance, they moved to Holton Point in Lancaster.

Mary is predeceased by her husband John, her parents, her brother Richard, her sisters Beverly and Marcia, and many cousins. Mary is survived by her daughter Andrea Craxton and husband David, her grandson Ronald Josselyn, her granddaughters-in-law Ivana Josselyn and Crissy McAllister and her great grandchildren Adam and Kaitlyn Josselyn; Mary's sister-in-law Arlene Accavallo and husband Don from Rutland, Vt., their granddaughter Brittney and several of John's cousins. Other survivors include her brother David Perham and his wife Sue from West Palm Beach, Fla.; three nephews, Victor Snell and his wife Patricia from Birmingham and his stepchildren; Jeff Perham, his wife Heidi and their two sons from Alexandria, Va.; Charlie Perham, his wife Crissy and their two sons from Las Vegas, Nev.; a niece, Marta Clark from Lisbon, N.H., and her two children Christopher and Elizabeth.

A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church in Lancaster, N.H. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. Fellowship following the service included a joyful display of Mary's art and handiwork.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Lancaster, N.H. Please go to www.baileyfh.net to send an online condolence.

MONIQUE MONROE

Monique Monroe, longtime resident of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and frequent visitor to Bethel, died peacefully in her home on Jan. 22, 2014, following a short battle with cancer. Monique will be much missed by family members, friends, neighbors and generations of "Mama's Babies," who were nurtured in her family daycare.

In many ways, Monique was larger than life, from her 6'4" stature to her commanding voice and no-nonsense demeanor. She was a generous and caring soul, with a great sense of humor, who nurtured those around her, be they daycare charges, neighbors, friends, firefighters, postal workers, delivery persons, stranded marathoners or neighborhood dogs.

Some of Monique's Bethel acquaintances will recall a memorable Red Hat Society trip to Boston, when they were transported to her home, in a limo that Monique provided, for a gourmet luncheon which she served while her daycare charges had their midday nap.

Monique loved her visits to the Flat Road, where she often entertained her local friends and acquaintances. Her "surrogate children," the Thompson Family, shared their vacation home there with her and especially cherish memories of her sumptuous Thanksgiving dinners there.

A celebration of Monique's life is planned for Sunday, March 23, 2 p.m. at First Church Unitarian Universalist, 6 Elliot Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Donations in Monique's name may be made to Horizons for Homeless Children, Associated Early Care and Education, or a charity of one's choice.

Births

MARCO LEGERE DEIULIO

Amanda and Anthony Deiulio of Rumford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Marco Legere Deiulio, born on Jan. 28, 2014 at 10:28 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

AYLA GRACE JOHNSTON

Amber Sumner and Kevin Johnston of Oxford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Ayla Grace Johnston, born on Jan. 26, 2014 at 12:40 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Kim and Dany Ancil of Peru and Mark and Shelley Driscoll of Toms River, N.J.

Paternal grandparents are Joseph Deiulio of Norway and Mike and Debbie Martin of Mason Township.

Maternal grandparents are Shannon and Lisa Sumner of Albany Township.

Paternal grandparents are Jim Johnston of Bryant Pond and Linda Chasse Johnston of Topsham.

Ayla joins a brother, Luciano Johnston, age 4.

Telstar Community Partnership

Yes, we have a name! Those of us working to build volunteer opportunities between the Bethel area and Telstar Middle and High School, have taken an official name which we hope will better describe our goals. We want to foster an easy path for members of our community to share our services and talents with our local middle and high school and to hopefully build a variety of bridges to communicate between the two.

Our first project has been the compilation of names and areas of interest from community members and these are being distributed to teachers. Hopefully, this will result in community members being contacted for various ways to participate in the positive and

nurturing growth of the school. We have volunteers who are self-employed, retired professionals, parents, business leaders and like myself, just members of the community who want to help out.

There is always room for more, as this "partnership" will be constantly updated and modified, so again, if you have an interest in becoming involved - helping in the high school writing lab, chaperoning sports teams events, volunteering to speak during career week, teaching chess, working on outdoor construction projects to suggest a few - please contact me at write_to_rosemary@yahoo.com. The feedback has been really encouraging, and it can only continue to improve.

West Paris Universalist Church services

February may seem bleak and cold, but one can find warmth and comfort at First Universalist Church of West Paris Sunday worship services, which are presented with a combination of guest speakers and Worship Service Committee members. All are welcome to attend; services are 9 a.m. every Sunday, followed by refreshments.

Feb. 9 - "A Stretch of Hard Road" led by guest speaker Marilyn Hammond who is a longtime leader at the South Paris Universalist Church and graduate of The Renaissance Program, a UUA program that offers training for professional religious educators, seminarians and lay leaders on topics such as UU History and Identity, Administration, Philosophy and Worship. She is a retired teacher and is active in many community efforts.

Feb. 16 - "God's Secretaries" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. How did a group of near-anonymous, muddled, drunk, self-serving, ambitious, ruthless, obsequious, pedantic and flawed scholars

write the King James Version of the Bible, the greatest work of English prose ever written? Using Adam Nicolson's book, God's Secretaries, as one of our guides, we'll consider the historical and continuing contemporary influence of the King James Bible.

Feb. 23 - "What Kind of Love" led by The Reverend Gail Scott, who is new to our church. Originally from northwest Connecticut, Reverend Scott has lived in New Mexico, Washington State, Massachusetts, and now retired in Maine. "I have worked in engineering, technology and related scientific fields. Music has always been an important part of my life and a refuge."

While in New Mexico, Reverend Scott was involved in youth outreach and was ordained by the Christian Church as a missionary. For more information about the church and services, please call Marta Clements, 674-2143. You can also visit <http://www.uua.org/> to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

Engagements

HOOVER/RAY ENGAGEMENT

Stephen and Elizabeth Hoover of Bryant Pond announce the engagement of their daughter, Marybeth, to Thomas Joseph Ray of South Paris. The couple will be married on June 28, 2014.

Miss Hoover graduated from Oxford Hills Christian Academy and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design from Pensacola Christian College.



Mr. Thomas Joseph Ray, son of Samuel and Janet Ray, also graduated from Oxford Hills Christian Academy. He earned a certificate of Biblical and Theological studies at New Brunswick Bible Institute. He is a carpenter's apprentice at Damon Builders, Inc.

Lake Umbagog Fishing Derby

The Lake Umbagog Fishing Derby, sponsored by the State Line Snowmobile Club, will take place Sunday, Feb. 23. The Ice Fishing Tournament offers four prizes for the largest fish caught in each category. The \$20 entry fee also enters participants in a raffle for prizes to be given away and a pass for the cookout. Sign up is 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Gary and Roxanne's ice shack, straight off the boat launching on the point at Sargent Cove.

Fish registration is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at the cookout - snowmobilers, snowshoers, cross country skiers and mushers, or just walk or drive in

with a cash donation. We ask a \$10 donation to defray the cost of food.

The Ice Auger Contest - you can be king of the lake for a \$10 fee. The winner takes home a prize and pay-out and of course bragging rights. The contest starts at 4 p.m. Please pre-register.

Very important: Keep it legal and keep our lake clean, or stay home!

Note: We are having a snowmobile club meeting on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Upton House and will be finalizing Fishing Derby and Cookout details and would appreciate any participation. We are particularly in need of a cook or cooks for the Cookout grill.

WinterKids Downhill 24 at Mt. Abram

Teams are signing up, and the momentum is building for the 2nd Annual Downhill 24, which is just four weeks away. The 2014 Downhill 24 will take place from noon on Saturday, March 8, to noon on Sunday, March 9 at Mt. Abram in Greenwood. This event, the only one of its kind in Maine, is a fun, fast-paced 24-hour ski challenge that will raise money for WinterKids, the nonprofit organization that helps Maine children develop lifelong healthy habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. At last year's event which was called the Downhill Derby, over 150 participants skied or snowboarded to help raise \$45,000 for WinterKids programs. This year's event is slated to exceed that amount and promises to be the biggest all-night ski party of the year.

In addition to 24 hours of straight skiing (technically 23 hours of skiing with the clock springing forward), there will be great food, amazing prizes, a celebrity pacesetter (to be announced soon), and entertainment to motivate skiers and riders for the duration of the event. Entertainment includes: LIVE bands like Vinyl Tap and North of Nashville, the very popular mechanical bull, a tarot card reader, photo-booth shenanigans, a beer garden and much more!

The WinterKids Downhill 24 welcomes all levels of skiers and snowboarders who want to ski, ride and have a blast all in support of Maine kids. Registration is open to the first 400 individuals and private or corporate teams of up to 12 participants. Each individual and team will receive a unique fundraising page, and there will be prizes awarded for those who raise the most money for WinterKids. Participants who raise \$1,000 or more will be entered to win the Grand Prize, a 2-night getaway for two at the Bethel Inn Resort.

WinterKids Downhill 24 is presented by Kittery Trading Post and supported by The Thomas Agency, Portland Pie Company, Walgreens, and Ski the East. To register and to learn about additional sponsorship opportunities, visit www.WinterKids.org or call (207) 871-5700.

Norway Savings promotes Whitney

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As Executive Vice President, Whitney's responsibilities include Risk Management and Deposit Operations and oversight of the Information Technology area. Whitney was hired in 2006 as Vice President - Risk Manager. Prior to working at Norway Savings Bank, he was the Senior Vice President, Retail

Payments and Business Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for 34 years.

Whitney graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree with honors in Management from Northeastern University and has also received his MBA from the same university. He also graduated from the Federal Reserve System Leadership Institute at Northwestern and completed the Greater Boston Executive Program at MIT. In 2008, Whitney was awarded the Norway Savings Bank Communication Award.

Thank You

Thank you from the family of Maynard Morgan for the many cards, calls, visits, and flowers. The care and love expressed by all was greatly appreciated. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice nurses for helping to make Maynard's last days at home so comfortable.

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ADULT ED CLASSES!

An Evening in Morocco February 14th 5:30pm

Cabin fever special! Café DiCocco is offering FEARSOME! Natural Foods Cooking Classes... three belly doses of tasty inspiration and fun in the kitchen on 2nd Fridays in February and March Classes held at Café DiCocco (Green Victorian w/ the eggplant sign out front) 125 Main Street, Bethel Doors open at 5:30pm • Classes run from 5:45 until 8:30 • Consider this a dinner date!

Sessions begin with an brief introduction and demonstration, then move to lively "hands-on" activities in the kitchen. Finally we will all sit down and enjoy the wonderful food we created. Truly edible education! Participants will leave with recipes, a goodie bag to take home and new found friends! An evening in Morocco... experiences in food and culture gleaned from a fascinating trip. Tapas, cous cous and pastries. Classes are \$35, each \$500

Hunters Safety-Firearms March 26 at Telstar Library 6-9 pm and April 6th 8am-4:30pm \$10.00

Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and landowner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. This is a Home Study course. Materials and workbook will be handed out and explained on Wednesday, March 26th. Students will return on Sunday, April 6th with all assignments completed. A certificate from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be issued upon course completion. Students must attend both classes, Class size limit 25.

Mini Memory Album February 27th at Telstar High School 6-8 pm

Gather up some of those old photos you've thrown into a box and bring them with you to include in this 5x7 mini memory album. You will use a mix of products for creating the pages of this chipboard covered album, including designer and vellum paper, paper doilies, baker's twine, sequins, clips and balloons. All supplies will be provided. Class \$19

Wilderness First Aid Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18. 5-9 pm at Telstar High School. \$160.00

Accidents happen. People get hurt, sick, or lost. The temperature drops, the wind picks up, and it starts to rain. Would you know what to do? Many backcountry emergencies are preventable, and even when bad things happen, sometimes the wrong care can make things worse. By learning a few basic skills, you can make the difference between a good outcome and a bad one - and maybe even save a life.

The WFA is the perfect course for the outdoor enthusiast or trip leader who wants a basic level of first aid training for short trips with family, friends, and outdoor groups. It also meets the AIA guidelines.

The WFA is 16 hours long (4) hour classes, and focuses on the basic skills of: Response and Assessment, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Environmental Emergencies, Survival Skills, Soft Tissue Injuries, and Medical Emergencies. This course is a practical hands-on course. Be prepared for some time spent outdoors. All materials will be provided for this course.

To Register please call 824-2780 or sign up on line at <http://sad44.adulted.org> and use the convenience of PayPal Follow us on Facebook.